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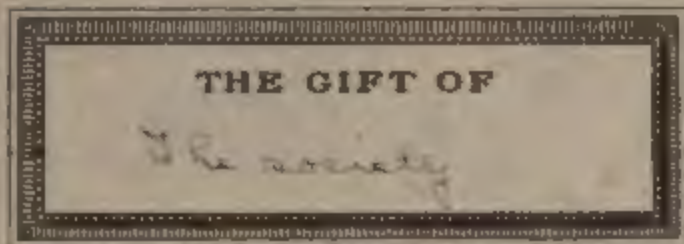
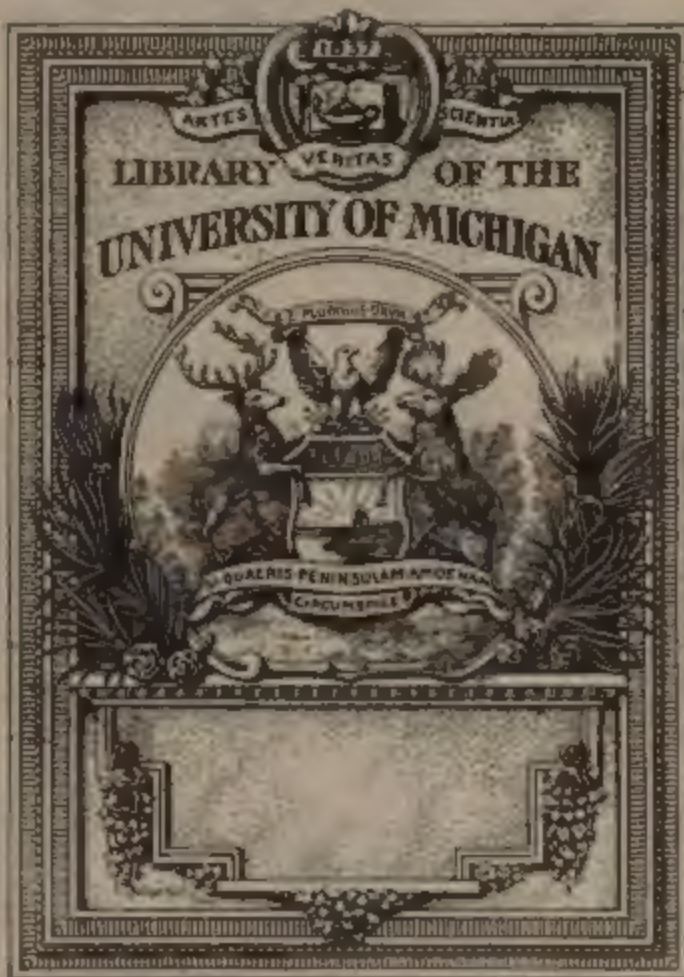
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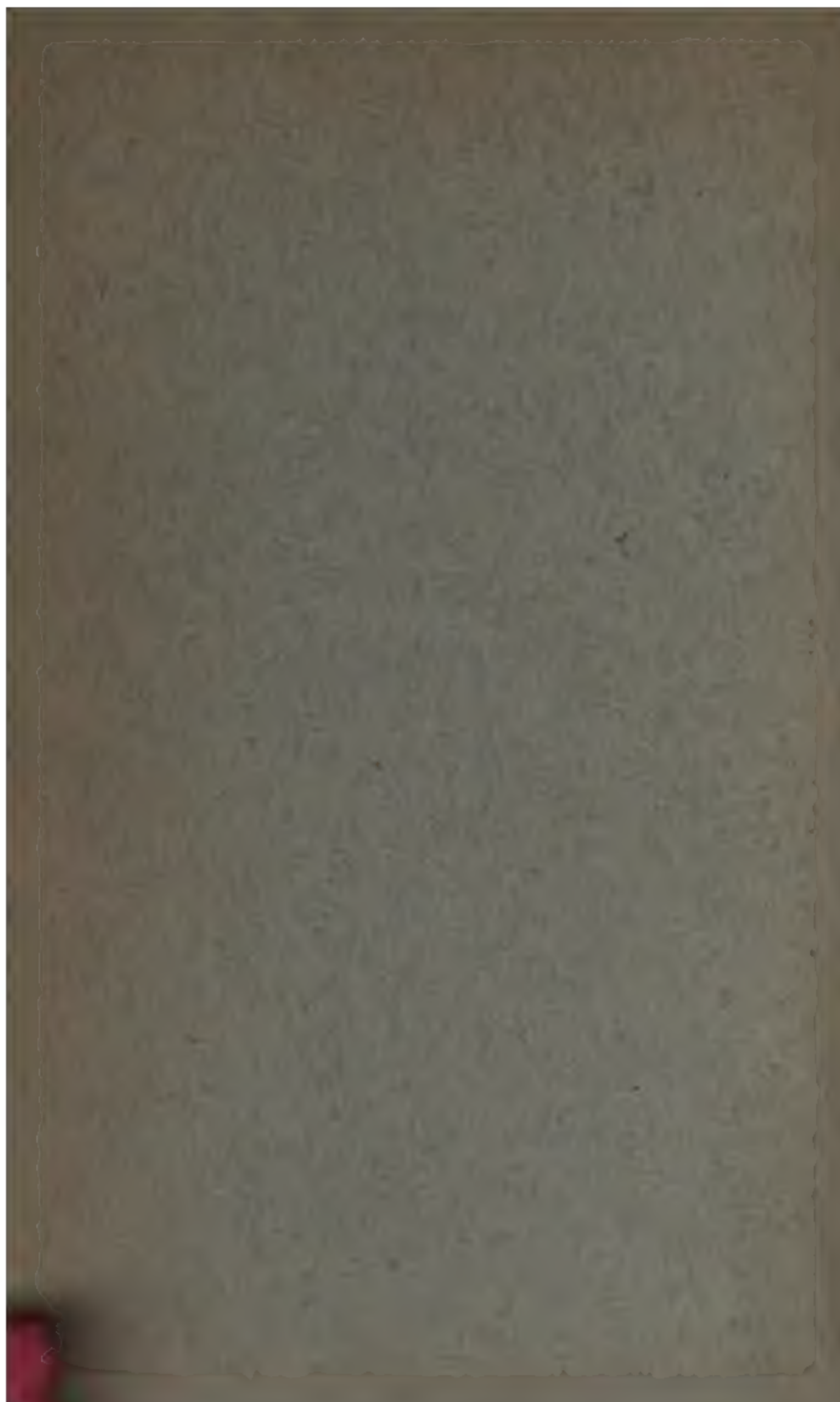
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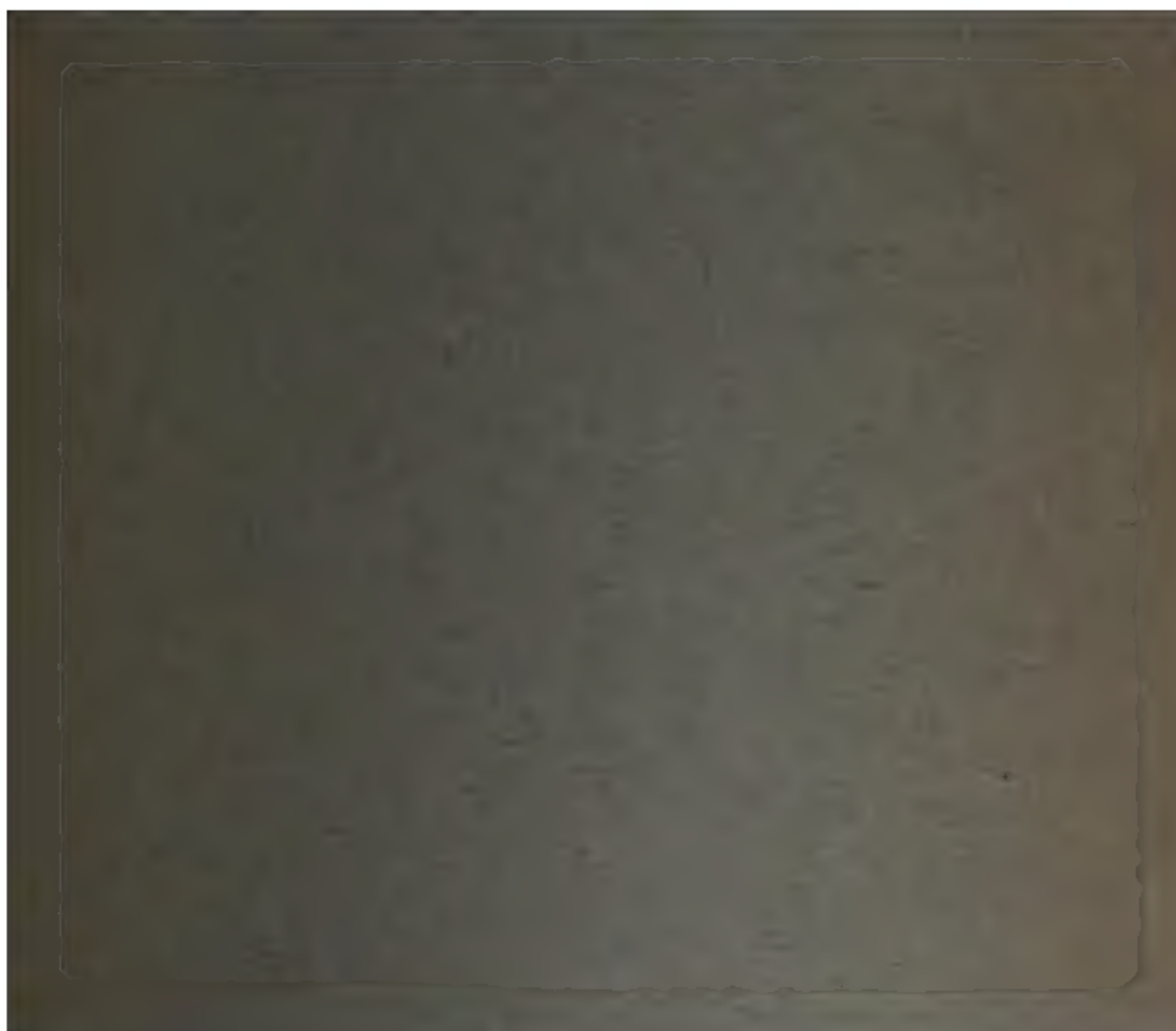
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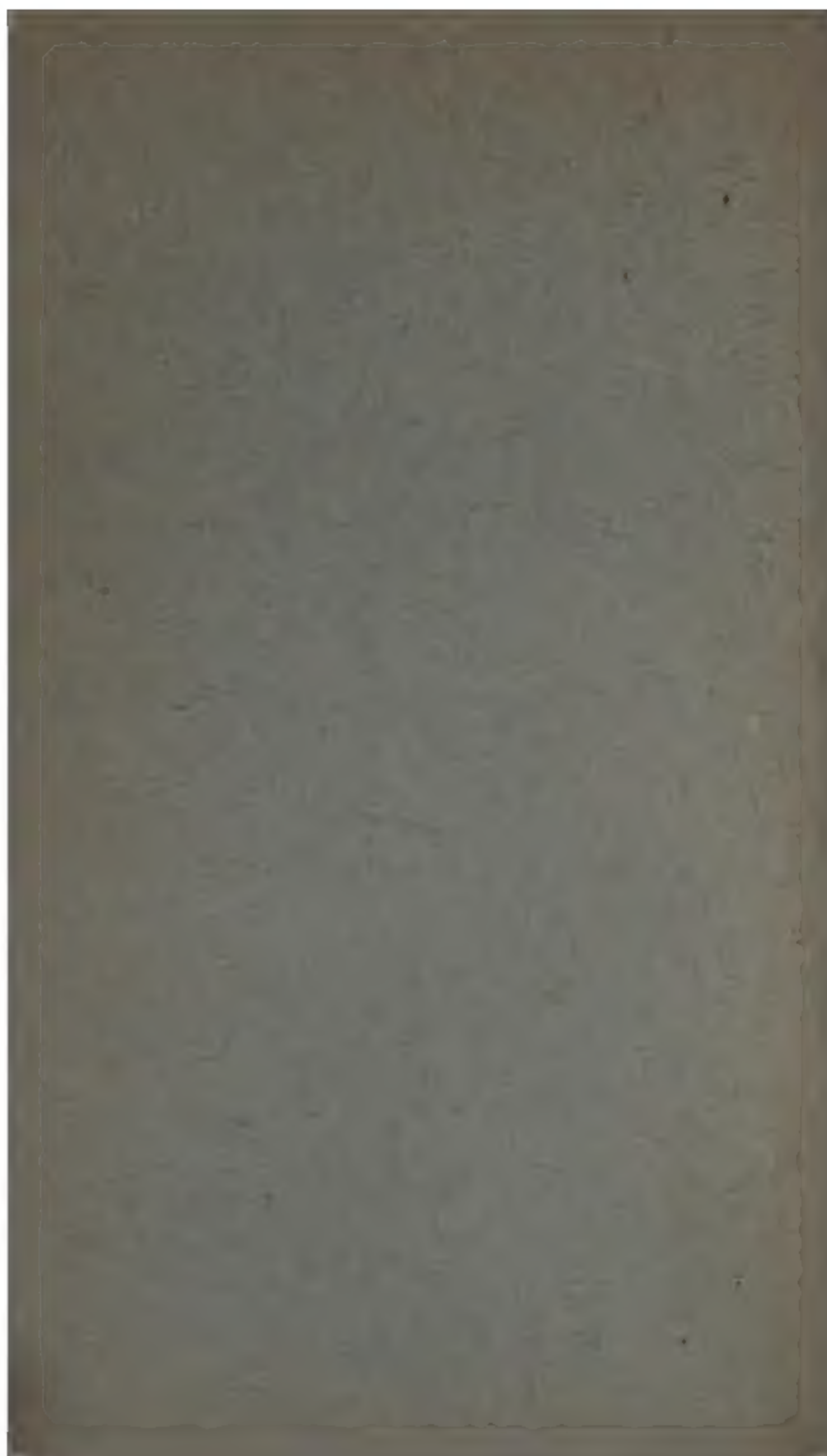




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CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, it is conducive to the public good of a State to encourage such institutions as have for their object to collect and preserve the memorials of its founders and benefactors, as well as the historical evidences of its progress in settlement and population, and in the arts, improvements, and institutions which distinguish a civilized community, and to transmit the same for the instruction and benefit of future generations:

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That* William H. Brown, William B. Ogden, J. Young Scammon, Mason Brayman, Mark Skinner, Geo. Manierre, John H. Kinzie, J. V. Z. Blaney, E. I. Tinkham, J. D. Webster, W. A. Smallwood, V. H. Higgins, N. S. Davis, Charles H. Ray, S. D. Ward, M. D. Ogden, F. Scammon, E. B. McCagg, and William Barry, all of the City of Chicago, who have associated for the purpose aforesaid, be and are hereby formed into and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY," and that they and their successors, and such others as shall be legally elected by them as their associates, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, forever.

SEC. 2. Said Society shall have power to elect a President, and all necessary officers, and shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew at pleasure; and, as a body politic and corporate, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits, both in law and equity, to final judgment and execution.

SEC. 3. The said Society shall have power to make all orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member, who, by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy, or who shall neglect or refuse to observe the rules and by-laws of this Society.

SEC. 4. The said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and is hereby

empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 30, 1867.

CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.

Revised, November 29, 1870.

Amended, January 16, 1883.

Revised, November 21, 1893.

Amended, November 20, 1906.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This Society shall be called the **CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

Its object shall be to institute and encourage historical inquiry, to collect and preserve the materials of history, and to spread historical information, especially concerning the Northwestern States.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Honorary Life, Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot only at a regular meeting of the Society, and only upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, unless, by unanimous consent, they shall be elected by a *viva-voce* vote cast at a regular meeting by twelve legally-qualified voters. Three adverse ballots or three dissenting votes shall reject the candidate.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership shall be as follows: For Life-Membership, five hundred dollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society: and for Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum, the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; *provided*, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues.

SEC. 3. The right to hold office and vote, and to take any part in the proceedings of the Society, shall be accorded to and may be exercised only by the members of the three classes first hereinbefore named.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Society, *ex-officio*, who shall be the chairman thereof, and eight others, all of which aforementioned officers shall be members of the Society, and also a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings for one year, and shall respectively remain in office until the election of their successors.

They shall perform such duties as are common to such officers or as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any of these offices may be filled by ballot at any special meeting, notice of such election being given in the notice of such meeting.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings, two members of which shall, from the time of the first election hereunder, hold their office until the next annual election of officers; two of them until the second such election; two of them until the third such election; and two of them until the fourth such election. The terms for which the first members so chosen at the first election shall hold their office, shall be determined by lot immediately after such election.

SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election, at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee, constituted above, shall alone hold, manage, administer, and control all the money, property, effects, and affairs of the Society: and said committee may appoint a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Secretary, and such assistants and employes in the service of the Society as to said committee may seem fit; and may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of such officers, assistants and employes; and said committee may make investments of the Society's funds, *provided* that no fund bequeathed to or held by the Society for a specific purpose shall be appropriated to or used for any other purpose, and *provided* further that said committee shall not incur any liability on the part of said Society in any one year which shall exceed its annual income; and it shall be the duty of said committee to make an annual report to the Society of all its acts and doings.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of November in each year, and the fiscal year of the Society shall begin with the first day of November in each year and end with the thirty-first day of the following October.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1908.

The fifty-second annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading Room of the Society's Building on the evening of Tuesday, November 17, 1908, pursuant to notice given, as provided by its Constitution.

The Society had acquired by purchase and donation during the fiscal year ending October thirty-first, many valuable additions to its Collections, Books, Documents, Portraits, Lincolniana, Indian Relics and Mementoes of persons and events notable in the early history of Chicago and the Northwest. More than one hundred of the more valuable of these had been arranged by the Librarian as a special exhibit for the occasion, and excited the interest and admiration of the members present. The Reports of the Executive Committee and of the Librarian, printed herewith, make detailed mention of the accessions for the year, enlarging to some extent upon the most noteworthy of them. The reading of these Reports will prove both entertaining and instructive, showing, as they do, that the Society is zealously pursuing its work and, to an annually increasing extent, collecting and being made the repository of priceless treasures, the muniments of the history of our City and its environs.

The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT HEAD at half past eight o'clock; and on motion of MR. FULLER, seconded by BISHOP CHENEY, MR. KERFOOT was appointed Secretary of the Meeting.

The following members were present: CHARLES C. ADSIT, MYRON H. BEACH, CLARENCE A. BURLEY, CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, RICHARD T. CRANE, NATHAN S. DAVIS, JR., THOMAS DENT, JULIUS FRANKEL, WILLIAM A. FULLER, GEORGE H. FERGUS, CHARLES F.

GUNTHER, HENRY E. HAMILTON, FRANKLIN H. HEAD, GEORGE S. ISHAM, SAMUEL H. KERFOOT, JR., CHARLES W. MANN, GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, JOY MORTON, CHARLES H. MULLIKEN, LAVERNE W. NOYES, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, EDWARD L. RYERSON, RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, OTTO L. SCHMIDT, LAMBERT TREE, FREDERICK B. TUTTLE, HERMAN WEBER, DAVID S. WEGG; also the LIBRARIAN.

THE PRESIDENT announced as the first order of business the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. MR. MERRYWEATHER moved, seconded by MR. FULLER, that the reading be dispensed with, as the proceedings of that meeting had been published in the 1907 Year Book and furnished to the members; there being no objection to the motion it was so ordered by THE PRESIDENT.

The next order of business was Reports of Officers; the original of these records were on the Secretary's table, had been printed in pamphlet form, and copies of them were distributed among the members present. THE PRESIDENT therefore stated that unless the reading of them was called for it would be dispensed with, and it was so ordered.

The Secretary of the Meeting then presented the following:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1908.

To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the Society's Constitution, the Executive Committee has the honor to submit its Annual Report to the Society as follows:

FUNDS.

During the year now ending, the bequests of \$3,000 by Mrs. Lucretia Jane Tilton, and \$2,500 by Henry Jenkins Willing have been paid into the treasury. The Society's funds, therefore, now consist of ten special funds and a general fund.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$66,406.12, as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are EUGENE H. FISHBURN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY, WALTER L. FISHER and ERSKINE M. PHELPS, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officio*. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 88.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in a cottage and twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. The account is as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1907. | \$47.77 | |
| Received rent on Trowbridge property.... | 66.00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$113.77 |
| Paid insurance premiums, taxes and collections | \$35.49 | |
| Paid General Fund toward printing lectures | 75.00 | 110.49 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908.... | | \$ 3.28 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1907... | \$71.12 | |
| Received interest on bond | 50.00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$121.12 |
| Paid General Fund toward binding books... | | 44.31 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908... | | \$ 76.81 |

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

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Approved, January 30, 1867.

Swan Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. It is invested in five \$1,000 general mortgage, four per cent bonds of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The account of this fund stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1907..... | \$432.80 |
| Received interest on bonds | 200.00 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908..... | \$632.80 |

THE LUCRETIA J. TILTON FUND consists of \$3,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Lucretia Jane Tilton, as a memorial to her husband, Lucian J. Tilton. The full amount was received in April, 1908, and is invested in three \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Chicago City Railway Company. The premium and accrued interest on these bonds was advanced from the general fund, but was paid back upon the receipt of interest. The account stands as follows:

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| Received from estate of Lucretia J. Tilton, Apr. 8, 1908 | \$3,000.00 | |
| Received interest on bonds | 75.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,075.00 |
| Paid for bonds | \$3,000.00 | |
| Paid General Fund (interest and premium advanced) | 70.83 | \$3,070.83 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | | \$ 4.17 |

THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1907... | \$ 2.50 | |
| Received interest on bonds | 250.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$252.50 |
| Paid General Fund toward general expenses | | 250.00 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908... | | \$ 2.50 |

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On November 19, 1907, the Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Reading Room and is reported in the Year Book for 1907.

On February 13, 1908, a special meeting of the Society was held in the Lecture Hall, at which Mr. Gilbert McClurg of Colorado Springs, delivered his illustrated lecture, " 'O, Brave New World' of Texas: The Lone Star Land of Plenty and Fortune." Mr. McClurg needed no introduction to the large audience assembled, as all remembered with pleasure his lecture before the Society last year. Mr. McClurg's lecture was beautifully illustrated with over two hundred stereopticon and moving pictures, while he told in a most entertaining manner the romantic history of Texas.

On February 28, 1908, at a special meeting of the Society, Hon. John Sergeant Wise, of New York City, delivered an address entitled: "An Historical Review of the Conceits and False Claims of the Cavaliers and Puritans of America." The Dutch and Scotch-Irish elements in the settlement and development of America were emphasized in this lecture. Mr. Wise is the son of Henry A. Wise, former governor of Virginia, and is the author of "The End of the Era," "The Lion's Skin," and "Personal Recollections of Thirteen Presidents."

On the evening of February 12, 1908, the German-American Historical Society held its annual meeting in the Lecture Hall of the Society's Building. The address of the evening was by Dr. Paul Clemen, Professor of Middle Age and Modern Art, and Trustee of the Museum of Rhenish Antiquities in the University at Bonn, Germany, entitled: "Ziele und Wege der Modernen Kunst in Deutschland und Amerika."

The use of the Reading Room of the Society's Building was granted to the Swedish American Historical Society for its annual meeting on March 25, 1908. The program of the evening consisted of a short address of greeting by President Head of this Society, the address of the President, reports and election of officers followed by a review of the work of the German-American Historical Society by Dr. Emil Mannhardt, its secretary.

On April 11, 1908, the German-American Historical Society again held a meeting in the Society's Building at which Dr. Marion D. Learned, head of the Department of German in the University of Pennsylvania, addressed them upon "Die Deutschen in der Amerikanischen Civilization."

MEMBERSHIP.

The Society has added to its roll of membership during the fiscal year now closing, including those whose election is confirmed this evening, eight Annual Members and eight Corresponding Members, as follows:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

JOHN OGDEN ARMOUR
MARTIN D. HARDIN
DAVID M. HILLIS
KATHERINE SNOW ISHAM
CHARLES WESLEY MANN
FANNY BENNETT NELSON
WALTER CHEESMAN NELSON
OTTO C. SCHNEIDER

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

CLARENCE MONROE BURTON, Detroit, Mich.
CLARK E. CARR, Galesburg, Ill.
ARMS SPAFARD CHAPMAN, Gilman, Ill.
WILLIAM OCTAVE HART, New Orleans, La.
JOSEPH B. OAKLEAF, Moline, Ill.
HARRY LINCOLN SAYLER, Chicago.
FRANK EVERETT STEVENS, Sycamore, Ill.
JUDD STEWART, Plainfield, N. J.

During the year eight Annual Members have resigned and death taken from us one Honorary Life Member, one Life Member, one Annual Member, one Honorary Member, and three Corresponding Members.

The following is a summary of the present membership by classes:

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| Honorary Life Members | 16 |
| Life Members | 18 |
| Annual Members | 178 |
| Honorary Members | 11 |
| Corresponding Members | 109 |

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The ever lengthening roll of those who have passed from us has been increased during the year by the addition of six names, among them that of Ezra B. McCagg, last surviving Incorporator of the Society, who labored diligently in its behalf both in its infancy and later life and whose death is sincerely mourned.

CHARLES SPENCER HARPEL, Corresponding Member since 1883, and one of the most interesting pioneers of Chicago, died at his home, 394 Oak Street, where he had lived for more than twenty-five years, on November 30, 1907, at the age of 73 years. Mr. Harpel was born in New York City, April 8, 1835, coming to Chicago with his parents in 1840. When eighteen years of age he went into the employ of the Prairie du Chien Railroad; later he became passenger agent of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, with headquarters in Chicago. About 1879 he commenced dealing in real estate, exclusively on his own account; and while not as actively identified with this business as were some others, yet he was engaged in many important transactions, among them the transfer of large parcels of North Side property. He practically retired from active participation in business about 1890, and gave his time to the management of his private affairs. Mr. Harpel was quite a musician in his young manhood, and sang at the first opera presented in Chicago, at Rice's Theater, July 29, 1850. He knew many of the stage celebrities of that early day. His last public appearance was in 1857, when he sang at a benefit given for U. P. Harris, former chief of the Fire Department. In 1847, when the Rough-and-Ready Bucket Com-

pany, No. 1, Volunteer Fire Department, was formed, Mr. Harpel was made its foreman. Mr. Harpel worked as Assistant Secretary of this Society from 1881 to 1886 gratuitously, and it was during this period that he commenced his work on a series of scrap-books which were later presented to the Society and are among its choicest possessions. One of these is devoted to clippings from home prints, forming an interesting history of Early Chicago; another, biographical notes, pictures, badges, etc., relating to Lincoln; and another to the life and work of "Long John" Wentworth, who for many years was prominently identified with civic interests, and who was familiarly known to Mr. Harpel. Another set contains obituary notices of Chicago men and women. Mr. Harpel might be styled the historian of politics in Chicago, for his scrap-books on that phase of the city's history probably cannot be duplicated. These consist not only of clippings, but are supplemented by campaign badges, buttons, tickets, etc., all of absorbing interest. He was a prominent member of the Old Settlers' Association and the President of the Munchausen Club. Mr. Harpel was an eye-witness of the city's growth from a small town to the metropolis of the West, and he was ever a loyal Chicagoan.

HENRY RUSH BOSS, Corresponding Member since 1879, died at his home in Chicago on December 8, 1907, after an illness of many months, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Boss was born at Forrestville, Chautauqua County, New York, on April 19, 1835. He began his apprenticeship to the printing trade in 1849, in the office of "The Bee," in Ripley, Ohio. As printer, foreman, editor and publisher, Mr. Boss served in New York State, Michigan and Illinois, finally settling in Chicago in 1861. In the spring of 1883 Mr. Boss issued a little magazine for printers, local in its scope as its name, "The Chicago Printer," indicates. But a few issues of this appeared when it was sold to Mr. H. O. Sheppard and associates, who later in the year launched the Inland Printer, now the leading printing journal of the country. Mr. Boss was the author of "Sketches of the History of Ogle County, Illinois, and the Early Settlement of the Northwest," published in Polo, Illinois, in 1859, an interesting and valuable contribution to the local history of the State. His paper on Early Newspapers in Illinois, read be-

fore the Franklin Society of the City of Chicago, January 20, 1870, forms Volume II. of the Franklin Society's Publications, and contains important data concerning the press in Illinois. Mr. Boss was a member of the Old Time Printers' Association and of the Chicago Typographical Union. He was one of the most widely known printers in the West, and was notable for his unusual energy and enterprise in attempts to simplify and place on a more scientific basis the modern practice of printing. During the past year forty volumes and forty pamphlets from Mr. Boss's library were presented by his family to be added to the Printers' Library, which many years ago was presented to the Society by the Old Printers of Chicago through the efforts of Mr. Boss.

MRS. ANNIE WARFIELD LAWRENCE KERFOOT, an Annual Member since 1904, died at her apartments in The Plaza, January 18, 1908. She was the widow of Samuel H. Kerfoot, a life member of the Society and for many years a member of its Executive Committee. Mrs. Kerfoot was descended from Colonial and Revolutionary ancestors. She was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, July 2, 1829, and was the daughter of Otho and Catherine Murdoch Nelson Lawrence, and granddaughter of Roger Nelson, an officer in The Maryland Line, who was appointed aide-de-camp on his personal staff by General Washington, and served with distinction as a brigadier general in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Kerfoot was married in 1847, and in September of the following year came with Mr. Kerfoot to Chicago where she lived for nearly sixty years. She was prominent in the early social life of the city and for many years her suburban home, "Dawn" in Lake View, was the scene of hospitality and entertainments still pleasantly remembered and often alluded to by her contemporaries and their children. Mrs. Kerfoot was a pioneer in the work of patriotic societies, was for many years State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and organized the Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Illinois. Through her initiative funds and supplies were gathered by the latter society and forwarded to our wounded soldiers in the Cuban War. She originated and secured the founding of The Colonial Dames Scholarship in the University of Chicago for the purpose of training students to

become lecturers on patriotism to the children of foreign-born parents in the city. This work, which began with a lecture in one of our public school rooms, has grown to such proportions that thousands of children are now receiving the benefit of instruction in our country's history and the spirit of our institutions, the singing of our national anthems, and the duties and privileges of citizenship; portraits of the nation's heroes are hanging in every school, and the Stars and Stripes are distributed by hundreds on Flag Day among the children. This great work thus inaugurated by Mrs. Kerfoot has spread to other States whose patriotic societies are actively carrying it on. As a tribute to Mrs. Kerfoot The Society of Colonial Dames made her their Honorary President for Illinois, the Daughters of the American Revolution conferred upon her the Honorary Regency of Illinois, and their Chicago Chapter presented her with life membership in the Society. Mrs. Kerfoot was the author of many papers and addresses on historical and patriotic subjects, copies of which she presented to our collections; and she bequeathed to the Society her Colonial and Revolutionary badges and official insignia of office. For sixty years she was a member of St. James's Episcopal Church. Her funeral services were held there and her remains were deposited in the family vault in Graceland. Her death takes from us one more member of a family which for more than forty years has been active in the Society's work.

DANIEL OGILVIE DRENNAN, Corresponding Member since 1894, was born in Dublin, Ireland, August 6, 1846, the son of Dr. William Drennan. He was educated at Monastery Mt. St. Josephs, near Dublin, and was graduated at Eglington Agricultural College, Londonderry. He came to America in 1863. January 15, 1864, he enlisted in Co. G, 15th Conn. Vol. Inf.; later he served in Troop E, 4th U. S. Cavalry, and in the general service, being detailed as a clerk at the headquarters of the army. For more than twenty years he was Gen. Philip H. Sheridan's confidential clerk and private secretary, and after the General's death he was for seven years in the same position with Gen. John M. Schofield. The data for Gen. Sheridan's books, as well as that for Gen. Schofield's, was collated by Mr. Drennan. He was a resident of Chicago during Gen. Sheridan's official residence here. For saving valuable records from the army

headquarters at the time of the Chicago fire in 1871, and for conspicuous bravery in carrying dispatches through hostile Indian territory in 1870, he was awarded a certificate of merit. A few days prior to his death he was awarded the official badge authorized by Congress. He was Ex-Adjutant-General of the Union Veterans' Union and of the Regular Army and Navy Union of the United States, and a member of Phi Shermans Post, G. A. R. At the time of his death, February 10, 1908, he was employed as clerk in the Adjutant-General's office, War Department, Washington, D. C. The Society is indebted to Mr. Drennan for the many valuable papers relating to early Chicago obtained through his painstaking search through the various departments in Washington. Many of our members will remember his lecture on "Fort Dearborn," read before the Society October 20, 1903.

EARL BURNETT McCAGG, an Incorporator of the Society, Annual Member from 1850 to 1865, and Life Member since that time, died at his home in Chicago on August 2, 1908, at the age of 83 years. He was born in Kinderhook, N. Y., November 22, 1825, the son of Isaac and Louisa Butler McCagg. He pursued his literary studies under the tuition of a neighboring clergyman, later reading law in the offices of Monell, Hogeboom and Monell, of Hudson, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar in New York in 1847. Shortly afterwards he came to Chicago and subsequently entered into partnership with J. M. Scammon under the firm name of Scammon & McCagg, and it was in the office of this firm, in the Marine Bank Building, in the northeast corner of Lake and La Salle streets, that on April 3, 1850, a meeting to consider forming a historical society was held. Mr. McCagg may truly be called the "Father of Line in Park," for as early as 1858 his name appears prominently in an effort to abolish further intramural burials, and as one of many to sign a petition to prevent interments in the City Cemetery and to advocate changing it into a park. But it was not until 1860 that the act creating the Line in Park Commission was approved, Mr. McCagg being elected president. Under his incumbency several hundred acres of land were sold into what is now Line in Park and plans for its improvement were made. Perhaps the most noteworthy thing he did was the partial completion and formal opening

to the public of the Lake Shore Drive. During the Civil War, Mr. McCagg was active in furthering the interests of the United States Sanitary Commission and filled with marked ability the arduous position of President of the Northwestern Branch of that organization. Mr. McCagg was a patron of art and music in Chicago. To him and his associates belongs the distinction of having encouraged and co-operated with the earlier artists of the city in incorporating the Academy of Design in 1869, the parent of the present Art Institute. He was prominent among the supervisors of the relief work carried on by the Relief and Aid Society after the Great Fire, when during a period from October 18, 1871, to April 20, 1873, relief to the extent of \$8,923,400 was extended to those in need. Mr. McCagg himself lost heavily by the fire; his home, which was burned, contained one of the finest private libraries in the West, his collection of writings and letters of the early Jesuits and settlers of the Northwestern States and territories being one of the most complete extant. He helped to organize the Chicago Academy of Science, was President of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee for many years, Trustee of the University of Chicago, First President of the Chicago Club, and at one time President of the Bar Association. Mr. McCagg was Corresponding Secretary of this Society, 1858-1863 and 1869-1870, and its Vice-President from 1870 to 1875. At the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Society, held on February 7, 1907, he was the Society's guest of honor as its last surviving Incorporator, and delivered an address giving a short resumé of the history of the Society from its incorporation to the time of the Fire of 1871. He was truly a public-spirited man.

JOHN VILLARS FARWELL, Associate Member from 1858 to 1869, and Life Member since 1869, was born on a farm in Steuben County, N. Y., on July 29, 1825. His boyhood until he was thirteen years of age was spent on his father's farm and while there he attended the winter terms of school. In 1838 he came to Illinois with his father, who located upon a farm in Ogle County, and three years later he entered Mt. Morris Seminary where he completed his education, giving his attention more particularly to the study of bookkeeping and mathematics in preparation for entering upon a mercan-

tile life. In the spring of 1845 he worked his passage to Chicago on a load of wheat. Here he obtained employment in the County Clerk's office, his duty being to report the proceedings of the City Council. He next entered the employ of Hamlin & White as clerk and bookkeeper, where he remained until 1850, when he entered the mercantile establishment of Wadsworth & Phelps, later becoming a member of the firm. This marks the beginning of his career as a merchant in Chicago. In 1864 Mr. Farwell was the head of the house of Farwell, Field & Co., Marshall Field being his partner. Mr. Field later withdrawing from the business, the firm became J. V. Farwell & Co., as it is to-day. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Farwell was President of the Chicago Branch of the United States Christian Commission, which was organized to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the officers and men in the United States Army and Navy. This commission cooperated with the Northwestern Sanitary Commission in its work for the soldiers during the war. In 1856 he started the Illinois Street Mission, an institution designed especially to reach the boys in the street. The incident in Mr. Farwell's life which stands out most prominently is his connection with the Young Men's Christian Association. This association was organized in 1858, Mr. Farwell being one of its first Vice-Presidents. In 1867 he presented the organization the ground upon which its first building was erected, called Farwell Hall in his honor. Mr. Farwell was active in national politics, being a presidential elector in 1860 and casting his vote for Lincoln. Under President Grant's administration he was appointed and served as Indian Commissioner. With almost every organization of the early day Mr. Farwell was identified. He was the first Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Board of Trade in 1858, President of the Mechanics' Institute in 1859, Director of the Union National Bank in 1865, and at one time President of the Chicago Mercantile Association. Mr. Farwell died at his home in Lake Forest from the infirmities of old age on August 20, 1908.

OSSIAN GUTHRIE, Corresponding Member since 1903, and Honorary Member since November 19, 1907, was born in Turin, N. Y., in 1826, a descendant of an old Scottish family. At the early age of eighteen Mr. Guthrie made a

model of a steam engine, which afterwards when he came to Chicago was developed into an actual machine and propelled the first tug up the Chicago River. Mr. Guthrie at this time worked at the great water controlling works at Bridgeport, and later was engineer in charge of the construction of machinery which was used for pumping water into the Illinois and Michigan Canal, afterwards becoming Master Mechanic and Chief Engineer of the old Bridgeport works. It was at this time that the work of purifying the Chicago River was brought closely to his attention and he was the first to suggest to the Citizens' Association of Chicago the drainage system now in use, and in 1885 he drafted the plan which is in operation to-day. In his work he became deeply interested in the geology of the Des Plaines Valley and through much investigation and study came to be considered an authority on that subject. Mr. Guthrie has given liberally of his time and information concerning these matters to this Society. On May 23, 1906, he conducted an expedition composed of members of this Society for the purpose of locating the sites of Marquette's winter cabin, his refuge in the freshet of 1674, and his portage in 1673, below Summit; and again on April 3, 1907, when the location of the cabin site was fixed, their conclusion being based upon a careful study of distances set down in Father Marquette's Journal, and a comparison of these with surveys of the Commissioners of the Drainage Canal. It was hoped that Mr. Guthrie might give a talk before the Society upon the results of his investigations along these lines. At the instigation of Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Edward G. Mason, then President of this Society, the Chicago and Alton Railway erected the Marquette monument at Summit, Ill. Mr. Guthrie was an exponent of the glacial theory and has presented to this Society a collection of glacial-marked rocks, and a series of photographs of glaciated boulders, illustrating his theories concerning the Ice Age in this region. Among Mr. Guthrie's many gifts to the Society is a collection of prehistoric woods from submerged forests, that he had gathered from various excavations made in this vicinity. Some of the specimens being found at a depth of a hundred and four feet below city datum. Mr. Guthrie died at his home in Chicago on October 25, 1908.

DONATIONS.

It is very gratifying to the Executive Committee to report that the Society continues to be generously remembered by its friends and that many interesting and valuable addition to its Collections have been donated during the past year. In the Librarian's Report, on pages 52-85, are noted the specially interesting gifts to the Library and the List of Donors, on pages 92-104, is a tabulated list of all gifts made to the Society during the year. The following donations are especially important.

From the EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF MRS. LUCRETIA JANE TILTON, was received Mrs. Tilton's bequest of three thousand dollars which by action of the Executive Committee was set aside as the Lucretia J. Tilton Fund.

THE EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY JENKENS WILLING paid into the treasury the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, bequeathed to the Society by Mr. Willing. This constitutes the Henry J. Willing Fund.

From MRS. GURDON S. HUBBARD, toward the expense of printing the Biographical Sketch of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard, twenty-five dollars.

From the MISSES ELIZABETH AND FREDERIKA SKINNER twenty-five dollars each, towards the general expenses of the Society. At the last annual meeting the Misses Skinner were elected to Honorary Life Membership, which is exempt from dues, but they volunteered to continue the payment of annual dues.

DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT gave twenty dollars to defray the expenses of indexing Volume V. of the Society's Collections.

MR. C. F. GUNTHER contributed ten dollars toward the cost of cleaning the Chicago Fire Memorial picture.

Toward the cost of glazing, sealing and backing the oil portraits of members hanging in the Lecture Hall, the following persons contributed five dollars each: MISS KATHERINE D. ARNOLD, MR. FRANK G. BEAUBIEN, MR. CLARENCE A. BURLEY, MRS. W. W. GORDON, MR. HENRY E. HAMILTON, MRS. GURDON S. HUBBARD, MRS. JOHN N. JEWETT,

GEN. WALTER C. NEWBERRY and MR. MOSES J. WENTWORTH. MESSRS. OGDEN, SHELDON & Co., the ESTATE OF WALTER S. GURNEE and MRS. W. W. CHENEY each gave ten dollars to cover the cost of so treating two pictures; and MRS. VICTOR F. LAWSON contributed thirty dollars to defray the cost of protecting the six judges' portraits presented by her father, William Henry Bradley. The Executive Committee desires to express its gratitude for the cheerful response of those requested to assist in the care of these portraits.

From MISS HELEN E. SNOW and MRS. RALPH N. ISHAM the Society received and has had installed in the gallery of the Main Hall of its Building, a bronze tablet, a memorial to their father, George W. Snow, a pioneer citizen of Chicago. He was elected December, 1833, first Assessor and Surveyor of Chicago and was the inventor of the balloon frame method of constructing wooden buildings.

MR. FRANK G. BEAUBIEN presented an oil portrait of his father, Mark Beaubien, who came to Chicago in 1826. This portrait was painted in Chicago in 1836 and is probably the first one done in this city. It has been hung in the Society's Lecture Hall among his companions who struggled here when this was a small trading post.

MR. CHARLES F. GUNTHER gave the Society a life-size oil portrait of Professor David Swing, by J. Ross Bryson. Accompanying the portrait, which is handsomely framed, is a letter from Mrs. Mary Swing Ricker to the artist, from which the following is quoted: "The portrait you have just finished of my father is the most perfect picture of him I have ever seen. You have caught one of his very happiest expressions. In looking at your picture I am always reminded of my father standing by his pulpit in Central Music Hall ready to announce the singing of one of his favorite hymns." Professor Swing was a member of the Society.

From the DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON PARK CLUB the Society received a framed oil portrait of General Philip Henry Sheridan and a large panoramic photograph of Washington Park Club House and race-track taken on Derby Day, 1901.

By bequest of MRS. ANNIE WARFIELD LAWRENCE KERFOOT, the Society received three handsome gold and enamel badges, her own badge of the Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Maryland, also those of her deceased daughter, Mrs. Nannie Kerfoot Beckwith, as a member of the Illinois Society of Colonial Dames of America, and as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This bequest has been supplemented by many souvenirs of her work in these societies, her large United States flag and a large photographic portrait of Mrs. Kerfoot, donated by her son and daughter.

MRS. EDWARD G. MASON, at the solicitation of the Librarian, presented a framed photographic portrait and a cabinet-sized photograph of Edward Gay Mason, seventh President of the Society from 1887 to 1898. It is very gratifying to the Executive Committee to have this portrait of Mr. Mason, who gave so liberally of his time and talent to the Society during a trying period of its history, and they have installed it in the office of the Society's building.

From MR. LE GRAND S. BURTON was received an oil portrait of his father, Stiles Burton, once a member of the Society. The portrait is a beautiful copy of the original by Healy.

JUDGE LAMBERT TREE presented the following collection of articles of historic interest: Five Indian stone arrow heads which were dug up on the west half of Judge Tree's property, bounded by N. State, Ontario, Cass and Ohio streets, when the top soil was removed preparatory to building the Studio Building in 1893, which was the first time the virgin soil was turned over; also, a small Dutch copper coin, bearing the date of 1769, which was picked up at the same time and place. The supposition is that this was dropped there by the Indians, as that neighborhood, once heavily wooded, was a favorite camping ground for them. Two large spoons and two medicine charms made of bone, the latter worn by the Alaskan Indians to ward off disease. Specimens of engraved tickets of admission to the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, May 1 to Oct. 30, 1893. A twenty-five cent note of the fractional currency of the United States in circulation during the Civil War and until the return of specie payment. Five specimens of Confederate money of

different denominations. A miniature obelisk, made from a piece of the cap-stone of the George Washington monument at Washington, D. C., presented to Judge Tree by the superintendent of the work at the time the cap-stone was put in place. An original printed caricature which appeared in Paris during the American War of the Revolution. The picture is reproduced in Spear's History of the United States Navy, and represents "The Howes Asleep in Philadelphia," and an engraving published in 1775 representing Charles Lee, Esq., Major-General of the Continental Army in America.

From MRS. CHARLES M. CLARK, through Dr. John Müller, the Society received a small collection of Civil War relics, which were used by her husband who served as surgeon of the 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry throughout the war, and who gave to Civil War literature the history of that regiment. These consist of a pair of field glasses, an alcohol lamp, case of surgeon's needles, night lamp, medicine case, a pocket case of surgeon's instruments, etc., all serving to illustrate the history of army surgery during the war.

From MR. ALBERT F. SCHARF were received twenty-seven pieces of glass-ware, crockery, etc., relics found on the site of the Erastus Patterson Tavern in Winnetka, Ill. Among these are several pieces of crudely ruled slate, doubtless parts of the "Tavern Slate" upon which were recorded the expense accounts of many an early traveler.

MRS. ELEANOR KINZIE GOULD, a granddaughter of John H. Kinzie, presented an interesting photograph of St. James Church, erected in 1836 at the southwest corner of Cass and Illinois streets.

From MR. FRANK C. THOMAS, on behalf of the U. S. S. OREGON DETACHMENT, ILLINOIS NAVAL RESERVES, was received the silk flag made by the young ladies of the Epsilon Sigma Club of St. Mary's school, Knoxville, Ill., and by them presented to the "Chicago Boys" on U. S. S. Oregon during the war with Spain, and which was carried as a battle flag by that ship in the battle of Santiago, July 3, 1898.

The ESTATE OF EDGAR SANDERS, through Mrs. Jessie Sanders Victor, presented a framed photograph of Mr. Sanders, who came to Chicago in 1858, and who was prominent in municipal affairs in the Town of Lake View in the early day, and a pioneer florist of wide renown.

MR. P. H. RETZER gave an artist proof of the engraving used as cover for the menu card at the banquet in celebration of Chicago's Centennial in 1903.

From MR. OSSIAN GUTHRIE was received a pen and ink drawing of the Illinois and Michigan Canal pumping works at Bridgeport, 1848-1871, and a blue print drawing of "The pumping wheel proposed for feeding the Illinois and Michigan Canal at Bridgeport."

DR. NATHAN S. DAVIS gave the Society a ticket of membership in the Chicago Academy of Design, dated August 11, 1871, an interesting souvenir of art in Chicago prior to the Fire.

Increased interest in Lincoln aroused by the celebrations in many towns of the State of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, and the coming centennial of the great Emancipator's birth, has inspired the Society's friends to contribute many interesting and valuable additions to our collection of Lincolniana. A large proportion of these are histories, biographies and kindred matter and are mentioned with more or less detail in the Librarian's Report. The following portraits, medals, etc., deserve special mention: MESSRS. UMBDENSTOCK-FRISKEY-PORTER Co., at the solicitation of Mr. J. B. Oakleaf, presented their Lincoln Gettysburg Address cast in bronze, appropriately framed. MR. LEWIS G. MULLER gave a large oval fibre relief of Abraham Lincoln, the original of which was done in 1878 by Pickett, a pupil under Leonard Volk. DR. O. L. SCHMIDT presented an enlarged photograph and a large colored lithograph of Lincoln, both nicely framed. From HON. ALBERT S. EDWARDS, of Springfield, Ill., were received photographs of Abraham Lincoln and of his home at Springfield; also, a cross section of the elm tree planted by Lincoln in front of his home which is known as the "Lincoln Elm." MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., presented a poster picture of Abraham Lincoln, an enlargement of the

one used as an illustration in "Back There in '58," by Ida M. Tarbell, appearing in the American Magazine of November, 1907; and an engraving of Lincoln made by H. B. Hall's Sons, New York. From MR. J. B. OAKLEAF, Moline, Ill., his Lincoln Calendar, a splendid reproduction of Marshall's engraving of Lincoln.

MR. W. D. C. STREET, Manager of Chicago Clearing House Association, at the request of Mr. George Merryweather, presented four cancelled clearing house checks of different denominations which were used by Chicago banks during the financial stringency of 1907.

From the ESTATE OF EMIL C. VOGELER, through Mr. William Hoffman, was received a fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence with fac-similes of the signatures of the administrators of the United States Government at the beginning of the second century of independence, July 4, 1876.

DR. DAVID I. BUSHNELL, of St. Louis, Mo., presented a photograph from the original portrait of Father Marquette, by R. Roos, 1669, which was discovered by Donald Guthrie McNab in the winter of 1896-7 at Montreal, and which is now in the possession of Dr. Bushnell.

MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., continues to collect and contribute articles of interest to the Society. Among his many gifts during the year the following are of particular interest: A buckskin purse, silver watch and chain and a pair of moccasins which were used by a pioneer lumberman in the forests along the North Shore of Green Bay, 1847 to 1850. A collection of about thirty medals, some of them early presidential campaign propaganda beginning with Andrew Jackson, 1837. The remainder of the collection consists of advertisements, in the form of medals, of early Chicago business houses covering the period from 1861-1876, which serve not only to illustrate the advance in the art of advertising, but chronicle the names of many firms which have long since passed out of existence. Another interesting item is a bronze medal awarded to S. H. Kerfoot, Sr., dated 1859, by the United States Agricultural Society for the best Rustic Work. These supplement the already large collection

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

2. Once the problem is identified, the next step is to define the objectives and goals of the project. This helps to clarify what needs to be achieved and provides a clear direction for the team.

3. The third step is to develop a plan or strategy to address the problem. This involves breaking down the problem into smaller, manageable tasks and determining the resources needed to complete each task.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the strategy into action and monitoring progress regularly to ensure that the project is on track.

5. Finally, the fifth step is to evaluate the results of the project. This involves assessing the outcomes against the objectives and goals and identifying any areas for improvement or further action.

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ioned tin sand shaker, the blotter of early times, a gentleman's old-style stock and a head-piece of the "Campaign" (Ohio) Fire Department, all relics of early settlers of Ohio. Another item of interest is an early lithograph of Galena, Ill., made by Onken, Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to the above, Dr. Schmidt has been lavish in his contributions of rare and valuable books, etc., to the Library, and attention is called to the extended mention of them in the Librarian's Report.

JOHN TURNER LONG, a corresponding member, has added to the Society's Collections materially by presenting a collection made by him on a trip to some of the old historic sites of Illinois. Among them, as relics of Fort Chartres, are a cannon-ball, four grape-shot, a musket-ball, piece of bombshell, a paper-weight made of stone from the magazine, and a military button of the Royal Irish 18th Regiment, which body of troops was the last British garrison quartered at Fort Chartres. From Kaskaskia, the following: a piece of burl-walnut which formed a part of the hall wainscoting of the old brick residence of Gov. Shadrach Bond, a piece of poplar wood from the school-house in which Gen. Shields taught school, and a stone from the foundation of the first state-house of Illinois. One of the choicest items of this collection is a portfolio of sketches in pencil made in 1890 by Mr. Long and labeled "Old Kaskaskia." In this portfolio are sketches of the following places in Illinois about which cluster so many historical memories: The First State House, the Home of Pierre Menard, the Old Hotel, the Governor Bond Mansion, all in Kaskaskia, and a general view of the town in 1890; an Old French House and the Hotel at Prairie du Rocher; the Ruins of Fort Chartres; the Swanwick House and the Grave of Shadrach Bond at Chester; the First Bell that rang in the Mississippi Valley, and which was presented to Kaskaskia Mission by the King of France; and the building in which the Territorial Legislature of Illinois first met at Kaskaskia. In addition to the above, is a sketch of the instrument used in surveying the original plat of Chicago by James Thompson, and several other sketches of objects of general historic interest. A unique relic which forms part of the collection is an ink-well made from a block from old Fort Dearborn and pieces of bog oak taken from an old Roman military road in Ger-

many. On pages 67-9 of the Librarian's Report will be found fuller mention of this collection.

From MRS. CHARLES CARROLL, daughter of Henry Eddy, the early lawyer and editor of Shawneetown, Ill., were received two photographs showing the exterior and interior views of "Cave-In-Rock" on the Ohio River just south of Shawneetown. It was here that the robber bands of the early day hid and watched for flat boats journeying from Pittsburg to New Orleans, to steal their cargoes. These photographs Mrs. Eddy spent much time and trouble in securing for the Society and presented them through Mrs. Harriet Hayden Hayes, a Corresponding Member.

From MR. THOMAS S. MCCLELLAND two Indian stone axes found on Evanston Avenue in Lake View were received.

MR. GEORGE H. FERGUS presented several views of the new La Salle Street Station.

MRS. EDWARD JARVIS PARKER, of Quincy, Ill., presented a handsome photograph of the old Governor Ford Mansion, recently purchased and restored by the Quincy Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and in which they have installed an historical museum.

MR. W. B. KNISKERN gave a large lithographic bird's-eye view of Chicago, showing the terminals of the Chicago & North-Western Railway in Chicago.

From the ESTATE OF ALBERT G. LANE was received a pastel painting of the Cook County Court House in 1865.

From MR. MILTON W. KIRK were received three cancelled Clearing House Certificates of different denominations, dated December 23, 1907.

MR. FRANK W. SMITH contributed to the Society's collection of views of early Chicago buildings pictures of the Lake House, Rush Medical College and the following churches: First Methodist, St. James, First Universalist, Tabernacle, First Baptist, Unitarian and Catholic, all built during the period from 1836 to 1845.

MR. J. C. BAY presented seven very interesting photographs of men prominent in American history, among them

the following: U. S. Grant, Stephen A. Douglas, Edward Everett, and Admirals Farragut, Foote and Smith.

A donation of unusual interest is the lace veil of Josette La Framboise, presented by her daughter, MRS. CAROLINE FIELDS, through Mr. Frank C. Beaubien. An extended notice of this will be found on pages 69-70 of the Librarian's Report.

PUBLICATIONS.

During the year the following publications which were mentioned as *in press* in last year's report have been distributed among the Society's members and correspondents.

"The Semi-Centennial of the Chicago Historical Society, 1857-1907, Addresses by Ezra B. McCagg and Franklin H. Head, February 7, 1907," being a report of the proceedings of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Society.

"Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard: Biographical Sketch by Henry E. Hamilton," with a report of the proceedings of the Meeting of April 16, 1907, the occasion of the unveiling of a bronze tablet presented to the Society as a memorial to her husband by Mary Ann Hubbard.

The Executive Committee has caused to be printed during the year the following:

"Year Book of the Society, 1907," with a Report of the Annual Meeting held November 19, 1907.

"Chicago Historical Society Collection—Vol. V." Settlement of Illinois 1778-1830, by Arthur Clinton Boggess, Ph. D. *In Press*.

The Executive Committee congratulates the members on the condition and progress of the Society as shown by the Annual Reports. It also desires to acknowledge publicly the fidelity and zeal of the Society's Employees during the year. The vacancy in the position of Secretary has necessitated

some changes in the classification and duties of the staff; the prolonged absence of the Librarian increased the labors of the other members during the months of June, July and August; but the progress of the Society's work has been in no wise impeded or retarded; its accounts and records are up to date, and the duties of the Librarian, the Record Clerk and Accountant, the Cataloguer, and the Accession Clerk are being performed so effectively and satisfactorily that the Committee feels warranted in exercising further deliberation in the appointment of a Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

for the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On motion of JUDGE TREE, seconded by MR. FERGUS, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

The Librarian then presented her Report as follows:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Executive Committee of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending October 31, 1908.

In certain respects the past year accentuates a gradual change that has been taking place in the work of the Society's Library. In former years the time of the Librarian and assistants was comparatively uninterrupted by readers and visitors, and could be employed continuously in the routine work of arranging and cataloguing the collections, but of late, the demands from the outside have become greater, and during the last year so much time has been required to attend to the increased correspondence and to the wants of readers, to prepare manuscripts for printing and to read proof, to copy original documents for publication by this and other historical societies, to supply photographic copies of portraits, maps, etc., that certain branches of the routine work have

been somewhat retarded. But adjustment to the new conditions will go far to prevent a recurrence of congestion in the coming year. The slackening of speed in the cataloguing need not cause anxiety inasmuch as the Catalogue of Authors undertaken six years ago now approaches completion. That the Library is in a greater degree fulfilling one of its missions, that of furnishing points of contact between the work of the Society and the contemporaneous life of our city and State, will be a source of gratification to those who know the richness of its collections by reason of the fact that they have assisted in the building up of these collections.

All of the professions except the medical have made large use of the Library, and copies of the Society's rare old maps have figured often and prominently in litigation involving vast amounts, in which land-titles, water-power, wharfing privileges, navigability of rivers, etc., were at issue. By reason of the availability of these and the manuscript sources of this Society, the briefs in these cases read like chapters from history. In some cases members of the Society have been called upon to testify as expert witnesses.

The perennial demand for *Lincolniana* has received new impetus by reason of the celebrations in various towns in Illinois of the semi-centennial of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and committees of business men as well as historical societies have drawn upon the materials of this Society, particularly the invaluable files of Illinois newspapers for 1858. Preparations for the celebration of the Lincoln centenary are beginning to be felt.

No small item of the year's work has been the preparation of manuscripts for publication by the Society, the comparing of each proof with copy after the work of the proof-reader was finished, and the making and revising of an exhaustive index of the work entitled, "Settlement of Illinois, 1778 to 1830," by Arthur Clinton Boggess. This volume continues the Society's Collection

series and may be in the hands of the members before this Report is presented.

Attendance—

The number of visitors to the library and collections, exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

| | READERS | | VISITORS | | TOTALS |
|--------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| | Men | Women | Men | Women | |
| 1st quarter, | 83 | 25 | 223 | 70 | 401 |
| 2d quarter, | 143 | 11 | 304 | 103 | 561 |
| 3d quarter, | 170 | 12 | 235 | 173 | 590 |
| 4th quarter, | 156 | 27 | 217 | 132 | 532 |
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| | 552 | 75 | 979 | 478 | 2,084 |

Total Readers, 627. Total Visitors, 1,457.

Applications filed for books record 3,035 volumes specifically called for, this being a gain of one-third over last year. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

| | No. volumes |
|--|-------------|
| Chicago history, geography, etc..... | 477 |
| Illinois history, geography, etc..... | 1,244 |
| Chicago and Illinois newspapers..... | 265 |
| "Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley.. | 543 |
| Biography | 71 |
| Manuscripts..... | 53 |
| Indians and antiquities..... | 25 |
| Reference and miscellaneous works | 357 |

Among notable visitors and early residents who have signed the Visitors' Register are the following:

Paul Bean, Gouverneur Général de Indo Chine.

Alexander F. Beaubien, Waukegan, great-grandson of Mark Beaubien, who arrived in Chicago Oct. 25, 1826.

Lieut. Frank Beaubien, son of Mark Beaubien.

J. Wentworth Beaubien, Austin, Ill.

Joseph Boyce, President, Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Historical Society, St. Louis, Mo.

Edward L. Burchard, Freeport, Ill.

Attendance—(Continued).

Mrs. Ann W. Burton, the wife of Stiles Burton, arrived in Chicago in January, 1836.

+Joseph B. Cotter, Bishop of Winona.

Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, *née* Lucretia Roberts, of Washington, D. C. Granddaughter of Edmund Roberts, one of three Canal Commissioners who laid out the town of Chicago in 1829.

William Prescott Greenlaw, Librarian, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.

Wardell Guthrie, arrived in Chicago, Oct. 16, 1846. Haymarket Veteran.

His Grace John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul, lived in Chicago 1850–52.

Fernando Jones, arrived in Chicago, May 26, 1835.

Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, arrived in Chicago 1865.

Mrs. Mary Wolcott McGrew, granddaughter of Dr. Alexander Wolcott, Indian Agent at Chicago from 1826 until his death in 1830.

+McKelly, Archbishop of Acrida, Coadjutor of Sydney, New South Wales. *Copied from his autograph in the Visitor's Register.*

M. Louis Madelin, Président de la Société des Etudes Historiques de France.

Russell S. Marsh, grandson of Isaac Marsh, who came to Chicago in 1854.

Mr. J. V. T. Matteson, son of Joseph Matteson, who came to Chicago in the 30's.

W. W. Nash, Ottawa, Ill.

Roland A. Nichols, of Hiram, O., great-grandson of Joseph La Framboise, who was a taxpayer in Chicago in 1825, his residence being the famous "Hardscrabble."

Messrs. H. Plummer, Charles W. Sutton and T. C. Abbott, of Manchester, England.

Baron Henri de Ste. Laurent, Consul for France in Chicago.

Joseph Schreiner, arrived in Chicago, April 9, 1844.

Henry C. Scott, Haymarket Veteran.

Hon. Frederick A. Smith, born in Chicago Feb. 11, 1844.

Peter Smith, arrived in Chicago August, 1842.

Hon. John Sergeant Wise, of New York, the son of Governor Wise, of Virginia, and the author of "The End of the Era." Etc.

Attendance—(Continued).

Many schools and clubs have visited the Library and Museum, the following having registered:

Class of fifty boys with instructor from the Thomas Hoyne Manual Training High School.

The Sixth Grade pupils of the University Elementary School.

The Impromptu Circle.

West Side Co-educational Club.

Chase House Boys' Club, accompanied by Walter S. Pond.

Sixteen members of the Central Y. M. C. A.

Cataloguing—

There have been catalogued 1383 volumes, for which 1256 cards have been typewritten for the public catalogue, and 404 new entries added to the official catalogue. The total number of cards now in the general catalogue is 22,129. The Portrait Index contains 10,115 entries, and the Index of Illinois Views 2,695. Total 34,939 cards. The time of the cataloguer has been divided between cataloguing, taking dictation of letters, and copying manuscripts to be used either in the Society's forthcoming publications, or by other historical societies.

The diversion of a certain amount of time from the catalogue seemed justifiable, inasmuch as the portion of the collections pertinent to the field of the Society is now for the most part entered in the Author Catalogue, and all materials are described and accessible to the public.

The filing and listing of photographic negatives is gradually becoming a task of some proportions, as the Society requires that all negatives made from its collections shall become the property of the Society.

Stacking—

The work of installing the new steel book cases in the Gilpin Library, begun in October, was not completed until February, owing to an unauthorized change in the device for locking the shelves in position. Delivery was stopped in November and the manufacturer required to replace the shelves already installed with shelves of the design ordered. This delay caused much crowding and great inconvenience in the Library, but was beneficial in

Shelving—(Continued).

the end, for the manufacturer finally offered to make any pattern of locking device which the Librarian would suggest, and a lock was secured which was simpler to operate and neater in appearance than the original design. The stack adopted is known as the Allen 20th Century Steel Stack and has given excellent satisfaction both as to appearance and strength.

The discarded shelves from the Gilpin Library have been transferred to the newspaper room, where they are used to good advantage for the hundreds of volumes previously stacked on the floor. The shifting of the books from the old to the new shelves in the Gilpin Library, and the rearranging of the newspaper and periodical rooms on the third floor, occupied many weeks of the spring and summer, and was performed by the Accession Clerk in addition to his other duties in a most satisfactory manner.

The problem of keeping the shelves and their contents even comparatively free from soot and dust is a task which has entirely outgrown the means at hand for doing such work. The dusting of books, although a menace to health, goes on regularly, and with a large expenditure of time and labor, yet it does not begin to keep pace with the increase in soot production by our neighbors who use soft coal. The rapidity with which carbon accumulates upon the tops of books is incredible. From the tops it sifts between the leaves, and the fingers of readers quite unavoidably leave black impressions on the pages consulted. Since soot cannot be kept out of the building, it is greatly to be hoped, that the vacuum process now being adapted for use on books, may soon be furnished at less prohibitive prices than at present. Some libraries in Chicago have already adopted this process, and it is herewith suggested to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Special Exhibit—

One special exhibit was made during the past year, it being on Nov. 15, 1907, the occasion of Professor C. W. Mann's lecture on "Fort Dearborn: Its Place in the History of the Frontier, 1804-12." Naturally the Society's collection illustrative of this most stirring and picturesque period of Chicago's history is very rich. The following were some of the objects exhibited in the Reading Room and the Gilpin Library:

Special Exhibit—(Continued).

Samuel Page's Historical Painting of the Chicago Massacre of 1812. The above canvas is 8x12 feet in size, and represents Mrs. Helm being rescued from her would-be slayer Nau-non-gee by Black Partridge. To her left is Surgeon Van Voorhees falling mortally wounded. Other characters depicted are Capt. William Wells, Mrs. Heald on horseback, Ensign Ronan, Mrs. Holt, Mr. John Kinzie, and Chief Wau-baun-sie. The two last are portraits the artist tells us in a printed key to the picture. In the background are Indians, the wagons containing the children, and off on the lake is the boat bearing Mr. Kinzie's family to safety. Selections from the Jacob Kingsbury Papers, consisting of letters of Captain John Whistler, Capt. Heald, Lieut. Helm, and other officers of Fort Dearborn.

Shenstone's "Poems," published in Edinburgh, 1771. This book was brought to Chicago by Capt. John Whistler in 1803, when he came to build Fort Dearborn, and doubtless was often a solace in the frontier wilderness, some passages being marked by his pen.

Washington's "Letters," published in New York, 1796; also, Carey's "American Pocket Atlas," Philadelphia, 1801, once the property of Captain William Wells, and bearing his autograph.

Miniature of Capt. William Wells.

Miniature of Rebecca Heald.

Model of Block House made from walnut logs from the second Fort Dearborn.

Binding—

The only binding done at the Society's expense was that of the Proceedings, seven sets of the three volumes being bound in dark blue linen and two sets in half morocco; also a portfolio to contain the Scharf maps of Indian trails. The making of a number of new boxes for the catalogue is also charged to the binding account. Mr. Frankel has had handsomely bound for the Society the rare early reports of the Board of Public Works of Chicago, 1862-70.

Relations with Historical Societies and Kindred Organizations—

On December 7, at the request of the directors of the Chicago Commons, the Librarian spoke to about two hundred children on "Earliest Chicago," using a selection of the Society's lantern slides. The children were with few exceptions of foreign parentage and were greatly delighted with the pictures of primitive Chicago.

At the request of the Executive Committee the Librarian attended the meeting of the American Historical Association at Madison, Wis., December 27-31, 1907, as the delegate from this Society, and particularly to represent it in the conference called to organize the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. In the discussion on the publication of the proceedings of the organization, a suggestion made by the representative of the Chicago Historical Society was adopted, namely, that in order that all parts of the Association might be kept in touch, "The Iowa Journal of History and Politics" be asked, to print the proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Association in its section called "News from the Field," and to furnish reprints of this section to all of the members and to others.

Through its President, Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, the Society of Colonial Wars of America has signified its willingness to make this Library the repository of all of its publications.

Mr. Clarence M. Burton, President of the Michigan Pioneer Historical Society, has offered to compile for this Society the genealogy of the Kinzie family. This will doubtless be a most accurate piece of work, for Mr. Burton's researches are notable for thoroughness, and his own great library furnishes facilities in this particular direction unequaled elsewhere.

Hon. Walter B. Douglas, a director of the Missouri Historical Society, most generously offers to undertake the annotation of the Parish Records of Ste. Anne de Fort Chartres, owned by this Society. Judge Douglas is eminently fitted to do this, having made extensive investigations of the French in the Mississippi Valley.

This Society joined with the Indiana Historical Society in sending letters to the United States Senators and Members of Congress from Illinois, requesting them to urge the Bureau of Ethnology to collect and publish any

Relations with Historical Societies and Kindred Organizations—(Continued).

material that might be available relative to the languages of the Indians of this region. The Congressional Record for February 24, 1908, notes that the petition of this Society was presented by Congressman Mann.

Permission was granted to the Wisconsin State Historical Society to have copies of five documents in the Schmidt Collection, and one document in the Mason Collection, for reproduction in the forthcoming volume of Collections of that Society.

The Department of Archives of the State of Alabama was permitted to have copies for publication of certain documents from the James Wilkinson Papers bearing upon the history of Alabama.

A large number of letters in the Madison Papers have been copied with the permission of the Executive Committee for Mr. Gaillard Hunt, for use in his edition of Madison's Works now being published. Mr. Hunt will personally present a set of the completed work to the Society.

On the invitation of Mr. W. M. R. French, Director of the Art Institute, your Librarian accepted a place upon the Chicago Committee to entertain the members of the American Association of Museums, which held its third annual meeting in Chicago, May 5 to 7. The opening session was in part given to the discussion of archæological surveys of the habitats of prehistoric peoples, the collecting of remains, and the arrangement of exhibits. Considerable interest was shown in a brief sketch of the work along these lines done by members of the Chicago Historical Society. The reception to Sir Caspar Purdon Clark, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York, in the afternoon, at the Art Institute, proved a remarkably representative gathering. On Thursday morning, May 7, about fifty members of the Association spent an hour and a half under the guidance of Gen. Newberry, Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., and the Librarian examining the Collections of this Society. The interest of the visitors naturally centered in the Museum, in the fire-proof devices of the building and in the methods of installing exhibits. Members of this Society loaned their automobiles to drive the visitors from the Art Institute to this Building and then to the Academy

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of Sciences, where the afternoon session was held. Expressions of pleasure in the exhibits and gratification at the attentions shown them were numerous on the part of the Society's guests.

The Society continues to be one of the subscribers who sustain the fund for the publication of "Writings on American History," under the directorship of Dr. J. Franklin Jameson.

Accessions—

The additions to the Library by gift and purchase since November 1, 1907, are as follow:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 87 manuscripts, | 1,836 pamphlets, | 410 miscellaneous, |
| 915 volumes, | 76 maps, | 3324 total. |

The additions to the Library by gift exceed those of last year in point of numbers and are especially indicative of the loyalty of the members and friends of the Society, for a very large proportion of them are choice bibliographical rarities pertinent to the Society's field such as the booklover would have enjoyed keeping in his personal collection. It will be noticed by the classified list below that *Lincolnia* outnumber any other class of gifts, doubtless owing to the fact that the Society numbers several ardent collectors in its membership.

More interesting bibliographically than any other donation of the year is a complete set of that much sought periodical known to collectors as "the first monthly magazine published west of the Allegheney Mountains," presented by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt. The title of volume one reads as follows:

THE
WESTERN REVIEW
and
MISCELLANEOUS MAGAZINE
devoted to
Literature and Science.
Volume First,
From August, 1819, to January, 1820, Inclusive.
Lexington, Kentucky
Published by William Gibbes Hunt.
1820.

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Publication continued two years, terminating with the issue of July, 1821, making four volumes of 384 pages each.

Mr. Hunt was a careful, dignified, though somewhat provincial editor and although the literary department was evidently his especial pride, the historical and archaeological features have permanent value. "Indian Antiquities" a series of articles contributed by John D. Clifford is still regarded with interest. Caleb Atwater, Indian Commissioner under President Jackson, wrote letters to the "Review" from his home in Circleville, Ohio, and Prof. Rafinesque, of Transylvania University, contributed his articles on the Ohio river and its fishes, which, published later in pamphlet form, has sold as high as \$50.

Perhaps the greatest interest for the average reader of to-day would be a series of narratives headed "Heroic and Sanguinary Conflicts with the Indians." The value of these may be judged from the fact that in the opening number the editor solicits "from persons in every part of the western country authentic and well attested narratives of this kind, mentioning names and dates, and detailing all the valuable facts with the utmost minuteness and precision." Incentives to "forensic" effort are not lacking and one elaborate essay concludes with the words, "time is at hand when American eloquence shall glow in the fervid fire of Demosthenes and roll in the copious magnificence of Tully."

The title of "Review" was fully sustained for at least one half of its space is devoted to that department. Within the span of its short life it spread for its readers a veritable literary banquet of comment and extract from Irving's "Sketch Book," Scott's "Tale of a Landlord," "Ivanhoe," "The Monastery," "The Abbott," "Kenilworth," Byron's "Don Juan," "Mazeppa," Etc. In his comment upon "Ivanhoe" by the author of Waverley, the editor says "The popular author, whose name, notwithstanding the celebrity of his writings, has been hitherto concealed from the public, has again appeared in the production before us.... Having, as is the case with most men who write and send forth their works in rapid succession, sunk, in one or two of his late productions, somewhat below the standard of excellence which his earlier ones had established in the public mind; our author

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appears determined to atone for his failure, and to put forth all the powers of his mind in 'Ivanhoe'."

Poetry was by no means ignored and the taste of the hour is amply indicated by album verses "To Julia," "To Malvina," "To a Little Bird," "To a Rose-Bud," and at length "To Julia's Urn." Numerous verses are in French, Italian and Latin, doubtless due to the close proximity of Transylvania University. In his valedictory in the fourth volume the editor writes: "If we have in any degree succeeded in creating or fostering a literary taste....drawn out the resources of the scholars of the Western country; if we have been instrumental in preserving for the future historian and for the admiration of posterity any of those interesting narratives, which contemporaries only could furnish, of the difficulties and dangers and almost incredible deeds of heroism that distinguished, and ought to immortalize, the early settlers in the West; if in fine, we have successfully repelled a single unjust aspersion cast upon the American character, our exertions have not been in vain, and we have no cause to regret the existence, feeble and shortlived as its may have been, of *The Western Review*."

Another of Dr. Schmidt's important gifts is "Travels in the Interior of North America, 1832-34", by Maximilian, Prince of Wied, three volumes and Atlas, 1905-6. Sabin says of this work "The original edition of the atlas of plates is one of the most interesting publications ever issued from the press . . . conveying the most vivid and faithful impression of the scenery of the West, between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains."

From the estate of Mr. Henry R. Boss, a valued former Corresponding Member of this Society and one of its most faithful contributors, has been received a collection of 80 volumes and pamphlets to be added to the Printers' Library. This Library it will be remembered became the property of this Society many years ago through the efforts of Mr. Boss.

It is a pleasure to record the commendable action of one of the organizations of women of our city, in collecting and having handsomely bound in levant morocco for the Society, a full set of the printed reports of their organization from 1876 to 1907. A particularly graceful feature

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Cotton, etc. New France is represented by Thévenot's Marquette, by Champlain, Lescarbot, Charlevoix, Hennepin, Lahontan and many others. The books, pamphlets and newspapers relating to the Confederate States form one of the largest private collections in existence being nearly as complete as that of the Library of Congress.

While museum collections do not as a rule fall within the province of the Report of the Library yet several of these, presented to the Society during the past year, are so intimately correlated with the subject matter of which the Library treats, that reference to them may not be out of place in the Librarian's report. Indeed the fact that the Library is so supplemented is a matter for congratulation, and is but an application of the laboratory method so highly commended in educational work. The first of these very substantial documents to which your attention is invited are two groups from a collection of aboriginal relics presented by Dr. O. L. Schmidt. These were gathered by Mr. Arthur Shulen in Will county, and are composed as follows :

CHANNAHON GROUP.

1. Crescent-shaped silver ornament 4 inches in length, rudely engraved with the figure of a wolf; found in an Indian grave on land owned by Charles Monroe, one-half mile east of Channahon near DesPlaines River. When the grave was opened this ornament lay on the fragments of a blanket covering the chest of the skeleton, which was doubtless that of a chief.
2. Disc-shaped filigree silver brooch, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, found as above placed immediately below the crescent.
- 3, 4. Two disc-shaped filigree silver brooches $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, found as above.
5. Disc-shaped brass brooch $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, found as above.

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6. Engraved silver pendant $\frac{7}{8}$ inch square, found in small cloth bag with above mentioned skeleton.
7. Three glass beads found in bag with pendant.

TREAT'S (NOW MILL'S) ISLAND GROUP.

13. Three spirals from conch-shells perforated at top, to be used as pendants. Found near the head of a skeleton in a large mound on property owned by A. Boyd, northwest quarter of Sec. 15.
14. Two oblong beads carved from conch-shells found in small mound with the skeleton of a child. This mound is close beside the large one mentioned above.
15. Seven potsherds from Island.

In addition to the above, the collection contains many fine specimens of flint arrow points, drills, stone axes and other relics of the Mound Builders. The correspondence between the printed page and this sermon in stones will be seen from the following extract from Woodford's "History of Will County":

"In that beautiful portion of our country which lies between the DesPlaines and DuPage Rivers, and near the meeting of the waters, now included in the town of Channahon, some settlers came as early as 1832, while the Indian still cultivated corn on the bottom and fished along the streams. This was a favorite spot with them and they long lingered here. Their canoes passed up and down the rivers, and in the mounds which are still distinguishable they buried their dead. Somewhere near Treat's Island an Indian was buried as late as 1835. He was placed in a sitting posture partly out of the ground, and a pen of saplings placed around him. He is supposed to have been a chief, as the Indians passing up and down always visited his grave and left various articles upon it as a token of respect. A little flag was also kept flying over it, which was cared for by the Treats. North of Joliet the writer remembers to have seen the grave of an infant in the top of a tree. It consisted of two hollow slabs in which the body was placed, being fastened together and to the tree by strips of bark."

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Mr. A. F. Scharf, the author of "Indian Trails of Chicago," pronounces this collection to be of much interest and says that this vicinity, in early times known as Prairie du Corbeau, was, after the Black Hawk war, the headquarters of Chief Bourbonnais, who lingered here, gathering the Kankakee tribes for transportation west of the Mississippi, as late as 1835. It is probable the silver ornaments mentioned above were the pride of one of the chiefs who found the happy hunting ground before the time arrived for leaving his beloved Illinois country.

From the days of the Redman to those of the French settlers in Illinois is an easy transition, and it is to a little group of objects recalling the latter that your attention is next directed. These were collected and are presented by Mr. John T. Long, who was the companion of Mr. Edward Gay Mason in 1890, on one of his later if not his last visit to the scenes of the French régime in Illinois. And this reminds us that Fort Chartres was Mr. Mason's acknowledged literary preserve by right of re-discovery, for historical writers just preceding him, Parkman among them, had stated that the spot on which it stood had become the channel of the Mississippi river. This mistake was due to the fact that the river had changed its course, leaving the Fort a mile inland and so surrounded by a thick growth of trees that it was lost to view. Mr. Mason tells us, in explaining the existence of this French fortress in Illinois, "it was established as a link in the great chain of strongholds which was to stretch from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf, realizing the dream of LaSalle; a bulwark against Spain and a barrier to England; a protector of the infant colony and of the church which planted it, a center for trade and for the operation of the far-famed mines; and as the chief seat in the New World of the Royal Company of the Indies, which wove a spell so

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potent that its victims saw, in the near future, crowded cities all along the course of the Mississippi. . . .” But there is no time to tell of its building and brilliant life history, the present inquiry being only concerned with the days of its decadence. In his “Gazetteer of Illinois and Missouri,” published in 1820, Beck speaks of Fort Chartres as a splendid ruin, “the walls in some places perfect, the buildings in ruins, except the magazine, and in the hall of one of the houses an oak growing eighteen inches in diameter.” Mr. Mason writes after his first expedition to the site in 1879, “Yet, though so much has gone of the ancient surroundings and the Fort itself, it was an exceeding pleasure to find the old magazine still almost complete and bearing itself sturdily, as if conscious that it alone is left of all the vast domain of France in America, and resolute to preserve its memory for the ages to come.”

The grand old magazine may brave out another century, even more, if vandals do not despoil it, but whether it remains or not its memory has been perpetuated by Mr. Mason, and Mr. Long now supplies a valuable foot note to history by presenting to the Society a piece of the enduring limestone of which it is constructed, and an excellent pencil sketch of the verdure covered old pile of masonry as he saw it eighteen years ago. With this stone, as if in token of the finality of its heroic days, is a silver military button embossed with the initials “R. I. 18.” History tells us that the last British troops garrisoned in the old fortress were the 18th or Royal Irish Regiment, commanded by John Wilkins, who with his men fled in 1772 before the threatened attack not of white or Indian man, but of the Great River. As Mr. Mason poetically puts it, “Its waters murmured the names of Marquette and Joliet, of LaSalle and Tonty, and their memories would not suffer it to rest contented with successors of another race.”

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Space does not permit a description of the portfolio of Mr. Long's sketches of historic homes in Kankaskia and Prairie du Rocher, a full list of which will be found, however, on page 49. It is needless to say that the Society and historians of the West generally may well be grateful that Mr. Long's pencil has saved from oblivion these examples of the Illinois-French architecture the last of which found a watery grave in the Mississippi River about two years ago.

A relic of the French in Illinois at a later period is an exquisite black lace veil once the property of Josette La Framboise. This young woman, a French Ottawa half-breed, came to Fort Dearborn with the Kinzie family in 1804, lived with them until the massacre, departing it is said on the boat that bore Mr. Kinzie's family to safety on the Michigan shore. Josette was the daughter of Francis La Framboise, an influential French trader of Milwaukee, who moved with his family to Chicago, previous to the twenties, where they resided on the famous farm known as "Hardscrabble." Josette became the wife of Jean Baptiste Beaubien, Chicago's second civilian, in 1814, and one can readily believe that the beautiful veil, which is a yard square, was an object of much admiration in the settlement. In 1817 Mr. Beaubien purchased a house of five rooms on the lake shore at the mouth of the river for the, in those days, magnificent sum of \$1000, and here, in 1822, his son Alexander (who died in this city March 25, 1907) was born. During the winter of 1831-32 Mr. Beaubien was president of the village Debating Society, the meetings being held within the Fort. It is said of the presiding officer that he filled his responsible position with "much efficiency and dignity." After the long controversy with the United States over Mr. Beaubien's claim to government land at the Fort, he retired to his farm near "Hardscrabble," where his wife died in 1845. In 1850 he was commissioned Brigadier General

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of Militia, and later removed to Naperville where he died January 5, 1863, one of Chicago's most respected and greatest citizens. This heirloom comes to the Society through Lieut. Frank G. Beaubien, as the gift of his cousin Mrs. Caroline Fields, of this city, the youngest daughter of Josette.

The next group while small, is made up of articles which have a two fold interest, for the site from which they were taken was in 1673 the scene of Marquette's and Joliet's first entrance into the Wisconsin River on their peaceful mission of bearing the gospel to the Indians; and second, because at this same point a century and a half later, a fort was built by the United States to protect the frontier from the depredations of the descendants of those Indians whom the gentle Father had ruled by loving kindness. This fort was Fort Winnebago, at Portage City, Wisconsin.

Many and close are the ties which connect the history of the frontier posts of Fort Dearborn and Fort Winnebago, but only a few of them can be referred to at this time. We know that even before the building of the latter Fort Mr. John H. Kinzie as agent of the American Fur Company had a log house on the Portage, and that it was in this home that he and his bride, the charming Juliette Magill, author of "Waubun," lived from 1830 until 1834, when they removed with their family to Chicago; and we also know that at the outbreak of the Winnebago War in 1827, when even distant Chicago was in terror, there was no protection at the Portage until Maj. William Whistler, son of the builder of Fort Dearborn, arrived with government troops from St. Louis and threw up fortifications there. The following year the First Infantry commanded by Major Twiggs was ordered to build the Fort, and it is to a photograph from an early painting of this Fort, that your attention is next directed. Standing high on a promontory on the Fox

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River (about two miles from the Wisconsin) Fort Winnebago is seen to be of the same type as Fort Dearborn. Within the stockade are shown the officers quarters, barracks, and powder magazine, and without are the usual Commissary's store, post blacksmith shop, agency buildings and settlers cabins. Of all these the only building now standing is the Commissary's store, and fortunately this collection contains an excellent photograph as it appeared only a few years ago, and practically as it is now, showing the substantial old building with its lower story of stone in an excellent state of preservation. With the photograph is an even more substantial relic, a three inch cube of sandstone, broken from its foundation by the donor himself, also a broken boulder which had dropped out of the wall, and a hand wrought hook and staple picked up on the site of the Fort.

A photograph of the Commissary's store as it appears to-day shows a windmill in the middle distance. This windmill marks what was the exact center of the enclosure of the Fort, and it draws water from a well dug under the supervision of Jefferson Davis who as one of Major Twiggs lieutenants assisted in the building of the stronghold.

Other recent photographs in the collection show the site of Capt. Lowe's headquarters, Fort Winnebago Lock on the canal which now cuts through the portage that Marquette and Joliet traversed on foot, and several views of the granite monument at Portage whereon is the inscription, "This tablet marks the place near which Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet entered the Wisconsin River, June 14, 1673; Erected by Wau-Bun Chapter D.A.R. 1905." This group is presented by Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., who visited the Portage and Fort in October of the present year.

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A classified list of other important additions to the Library is as follows:

MANUSCRIPTS.

Register of Deeds North Carolina Colony, 1764-1766. Order and Letter Book of Chas. M. Clark, Surgeon 39th Ill. Vol. 1862-1864. The gifts of the ESTATE OF DR. JOHN M. CLARK, through Mrs. Clark.

Letter of William B. Ogden, first Mayor of Chicago, dated July 5, 1837, to Seely Porter & Co., Rochester, N. Y., ordering fire engines for the City.—Two letters dated Chicago, Dec. 1838, and July 1, 1839, signed by W. B. Ogden, and Arnold & Ogden. The gifts of MR. W. H. SAMSON, Rochester, N. Y., through HON. FRED A. BUSSE, MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

"Scraps from a Journal Out West, 1838," being extracts from the diary of William Blanding, of Philadelphia. The gift of MR. WM. J. C. KENYON.

Mr. Blanding stopped in Chicago from August 10th to 12th at the City Hotel, and the following are a few of his observations: "10th Aug. 1838 hot sultry morning—rested well—a good house keeper from Hartford, Conn., Mr. Russell . . . Wisconsin Bank bills flat. This morning some sold as low as 50 per cent discount. A dreadfully hot day. After tea walked to Fort with Mrs. Blanding; it is now neglected. Not an Indian to be seen . . . Aug. 11—Returned to old Fort, now in ruin; it never was much, only a stockade perhaps twelve feet high in which are a number of buildings. Mr. Smith from Philadelphia, a lawyer, is spoken of as a good speaker—a smart young man—first at the bar. Two thousand eight hundred miles of railroad now chartered in this State in addition to canal's twenty-eight hundred miles of Railroad smuggled through the Legislature of the State of Illinois!!! a ruinous business . . . Rum is written on everything here from wild speculations . . . This interesting commentary occupies nine typewritten pages.

"Personal Experiences on a Journey from Maryland to Chicago, 1848" by Samuel H. Kerifoot, 1842—"Lake View," by Samuel H. Kerifoot.—"In Memoriam Samuel H. Kerifoot," an engrossed copy of Resolutions of the Maryland Society of Chicago.—"Last Will and Testament of Anne W. Kerifoot, March 1st, 1907."

Were one to begin to quote from the above mentioned "Personal Experiences" the remainder of this report would not be written, for the barren path of the statistical data abandoned for the domain of pure literature return would be impossible. The quietude and the reminiscent mood are necessary for the adequate enjoyment of these graphic pictures from the pen of a man at once a great observer, a shrewd philosopher and a brilliant wit.

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Letter dated Chicago, Nov. 1, 1855, written by Edward S. Stickney to his sister in Newburyport, Mass., giving a very spirited account of his impressions of business prospects in Chicago at that time. The gift of MRS. CYRUS H. McCORMICK, JR.

Letter from Rev. William Barry, the first Secretary of the Society, dated Chicago, Nov. 30, 1858, announcing to Mr. E. W. Herrick his election to Associate Membership in the Society. Presented by Miss LOUISE HERRICK, through General Walter C. Newberry.

"Lady Elgin Disaster" of Sept. 8th, 1860, by H. E. Hamilton, dated Chicago, Sept. 8, 1908. The gift of MRS. GURDON S. HUBBARD.

The writer of this valuable narrative assisted the owner of the "Lady Elgin", Gurdon S. Hubbard, in saving the lives of some of the survivors of the wreck.

Two Poll Books of the Town of Lake View, June 17 and Nov. 4, 1862. The gifts of the ESTATE OF EDGAR SANDERS, through Mrs. Jennie Sanders Victor.

Letter from Rev. William Barry to Maj. Wilson, dated Chicago, Dec. 13, 1862. The gift of GEN. JAMES GRANT WILSON.

Letters (28) from lawyers: Hon. Wm. H. King, Melville W. Fuller, John N. Jewett, Henry Booth, Mason B. Loomis, John S. Cooper, Genl. I. N. Stiles, Lambert Tree, L. H. Bisbee, Wm. C. Grant, Col. Huntington W. Jackson, Hon. E. Biddle Roberts, Henry I. Sheldon, G. W. Knetzingen, C. H. Willett, Wm. P. Black, James L. High, Charles A. Dupee, Lewis L. Coburn, and others.—"Map of Ancient Illinois," by J. C. Henderson. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

Last Will and Testament of Lucretia J. Tilton, Feb. 22, 1905. The gift of MR. LYNDEN EVANS.

CHICAGO IMPRINTS.

"Prairie Farmer," Chicago, John J. Wright, 1843-51, 4 nos. The gift of MR. WILLIAM KIRKTON through Hon. Lambert Tree.

Titles suggestive of the fields and lands were popular with the early periodicals. The above, the first in Chicago to adopt the

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badge of Westernism, although an agricultural journal had a strong literary leaning owing perhaps to the fact that the editor is said to have confined his labors to the educational department. His partner, Rev. J. Ambrose Wight, writes, "He did not claim any considerable acquaintance with agriculture, having, I think, never worked a day upon a farm in his life. But he was a man quick to see a need or an opportunity, and had commenced the *Farmer* in 1841, and had been its sole editor until my connection with it."

"*Western Magazine*," vol. 1, no. 9, 1846. Chicago: *Rounsville & Co.*, 1846. The gift of MRS. LA VERNE W. NOYES.

The first literary magazine published in Chicago, having been established in October, 1845. In the first issue the Editor comments thus: "We shall be slow to believe that there is not talent enough in the West to maintain a character for a work of this kind." Although the copy in hand proves his judgment to have been correct he was obliged to discontinue in September, 1846. A sad commentary upon the literary taste of the West.

Another copy of the above. The gift of MR. HENRY BUSCH, SEN., through Hon. Lambert Tree.

"*Illinois Annual Register and Western Business Directory*," No. 1, 1847. Chicago: *Geer & Wilson*, 1847. The gift of HON. THOMAS DENT.

One of the rarest Chicago imprints.

"*The Constitution and By-Laws of Hose Company No. 2, Adopted Oct. 16, 1851.*" Chicago: *Seaton & Peck*, 1851.—"*Constitution and By-Laws of Engine Company No. 10. Adopted Jan'y 1, 1855.*" Chicago: *Worrell & Austin*, 1855. The gifts of MR. THOMAS BUCKLEY.

These are probably the only copies of these publications in existence.

"*Industrial Universities for the People. Published in Compliance with Resolutions of the Chicago & Springfield Conventions, and Under the Industrial League of Illinois*," by J. B. Turner, Chairman of the Committee, 2nd ed. Chicago: *Robert Fergus*, 1854.

"*Confessions and Experiences of a Novel Reader*," by a Physician. Chicago, 1855.

"*Inaugural Address of Levi Day Boone, Mayor Chicago, March 13, 1855.*" Chicago: *Daily Democratic Print*, 1855. The gift of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

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"A Complete Guide for Administrators, Executors and Guardians in the Settlement of Estates," by G. A. Clifford. Chicago: *S. C. Griggs & Co.*, 1856.

"Lost on the Lady Elgin," Song and Chorus Commemorating the Terrible Lake Disaster of Friday Night, Sept. 7th, 1860. Words and Music by Henry C. Work. Chicago: *H. M. Higgins*, 1861.

"Annual Reports of the Board of Public Works to the Common Council of the City of Chicago," 1862-1870, 2 vols., handsomely bound in half morocco. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Proof-texts of Endless Punishment, Examined and Explained," by D. P. Livermore. Chicago, 1864.

"Rebecca; or, A Woman's Secret," by Mrs. Caroline Fairfield Corbin. Chicago: *Clarke & Co.*, 1867.

"Biographical Sketches of the Leading Men of Chicago," photographically illustrated, by J. Carbutt. Chicago: *Wilson & St. Clair*, 1868. The gift of MR. A. J. W. COPELIN.

"Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway." [Time table.] Chicago: *Republican Print*, 1868.

"Social Evils, Their Causes and Cure; A Poem for the Times." by Thomas A. Shane. Chicago: *The Western News Co.*, 1868.

"The Analytical Speller," by Edwards & Warren. Chicago: *Geo. & C. W. Sherwood*, 1870.

"The Chicago Stage, Containing Sketches of the Prominent Members of the Local Amusement Profession," by William S. Walker. Chicago: *Horton & Leonard*, 1871.

This pamphlet is exceedingly rare, having been published just before the Fire.

Ticket of Membership in the Chicago Academy of Design, dated Aug. 11, 1871. The gift of DR. N. S. DAVIS.

The ticket is in its original envelope and is an interesting souvenir of art interests in Chicago before the Fire.

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LOCAL FICTION AND VERSE.

"A Dream and Other Poems," by Miss L. F. Hackett. Chicago, 1880.

"Field Flowers," Chicago, 1896. Published under the auspices of Mrs. Eugene Field with the approval of the Monument Committee for the purpose of creating a fund, the proceeds of which will be equally divided between the family of the late Eugene Field and the fund for the building of a monument to the memory of the beloved poet of childhood.

"Ganton & Co., a Story of Chicago Commercial and Social Life," by Arthur Jerome Eddy, Chicago, 1908. Autograph presentation of the AUTHOR.

"Pe-tah-se-ga and Other Poems," by John C. Wright. Chicago, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Prisoners of Chance," by Randall Parrish. Chicago, 1908. The gift of MR. OGDEN T. McCLURG.

"A Little Brother of the Rich, a Novel," by Joseph Medill Patterson, Chicago. *The Reilly & Britton Co.*, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

CHICAGO MISCELLANY.

"Antoine Ouilmette, a Resident of Chicago A. D. 1790-1826, the First Settler of Evanston and Willmette (1826-1838) with a Brief History of His Family and the Ouilmette Reservation", by Frank R. Grover, Evanston Historical Society, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Old Saint Mary's 1833-1908, the Catholic Church in Chicago, Jubilee Address," by Wm. J. Onahan, June 19, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Artesian Wells," by John Dean Caton, LL.D. Chicago, 1874.

"Assessors' Land Valuations, City of Chicago from the Quadrennial Assessment of 1907," edited by F. R. Chandler, Chicago. 1908. This handsome and valuable volume is No. 39 of a limited edition, and has the Society's name lettered in upon its cover. The gift of the EDITOR.

Accessions—(Continued)

"Biographical Sketches of Leading Men of Chicago," published by Wilson, Pierce & Co., Chicago, 1876. Photographically illustrated.

"Burning of Chicago, a Lesson in Dependence, Being a Sermon Preached in Albion Chapel, Southampton, England," by the Rev. Septimus March, B.A., Southampton, 1871. The gift of the ESTATE OF EDGAR SANDERS, through Mrs. Jessie Sanders Victor.

"Chicago Evening Journal," 1871-1872.—"Chicago Evening Post," Oct. 24-Dec. 31, 1866; July 10, 1871-Mar. 29, 1872.—"The Chicago Times," 1861-1863, 1870-1871, 3 vols.—"Chicago Tribune," 1861-1862, 1871-1874, 2 vols.—"The Daily Graphic," New York, Mar. 4, 1879-Oct. 30, 1880—"New York Weekly Herald," Mar. 14, 1862-Dec. 22, 1866, 2 vols.—"The Weekly Press," Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1857-Dec. 11, 1858. The gifts of MR. CHAS. L. ALLEN.

"The Chicago Graphic," 1890-94, also a collection of Chicago World's Fair papers. The gift of MRS. LA VERNE W. NOYES.

"The Chicago City Manual," compiled by Francis A. Eastman, Chicago, 1908. The gift of the COMPILER.

"History of Chicago," by the Third Grade Pupils of the Francis Parker School; edited by P. B. Carley. (Extract from "The Elementary School Teacher," Chicago, Oct., Dec., 1907.) The gift of MR. NEWMAN MILLER.

"Industrial Chicago," Vols. 3-4, Chicago, Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1894. The gift of MR. CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON.

"Loves of a Lawyer, His Quandary, and How It Came Out," by Andrew Shuman, Chicago, 1875.

"Over Half a Century of Progress 1848-1905," Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 1902. The gift of MR. W. B. KNISKERN.

"Origin of the Place Names Connected with the Chicago & Northwestern, and Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha Railways," by Dr. W. N. Stennett, Chicago, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

Accessions—(Continued).

"Early Bench and Bar of Illinois," by John Dean Caton, Chicago, 1893.

From the Estate of Albert G. Lane, for many years Superintendent of Schools of Cook County, has been received a valuable collection of material on schools in Illinois.

"Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, and History of Evanston." Chicago, 1906, 2 vols. The gift of MR. J. SEYMOUR CURREY.

"Chapters from Illinois History," by Edward Gay Mason, Chicago. *Stone & Kimball*, 1901.—"The Illini, a Story of the Prairies," by Clark E. Carr, Chicago, 1976. The gifts of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"Illinois and the West," by A. A. Jones, Boston, 1838. The gift of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"Inaugural Address of Richard Yates, Governor of Illinois, to the General Assembly, January 14, 1861," Springfield, 1861. The gift of MR. J. B. OAKLEAF.

"Map showing the Right of Way in Cook, DuPage and Will Counties for the Drainage Channel," by the Sanitary District of Chicago, Chicago, 1907. The gift of the SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO.

"My Day and Generation," by Clark E. Carr, Chicago, 1908. The gift of MR. OGDEN T. MCCLURG.

"Pioneers of Illinois," by N. Matson, Chicago, 1882. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Poems" of Mrs. Frances S. M. Brotherson, Peoria, Ill., 1880.

"Revised Statutes of Illinois, 1845," Springfield. The gift of MR. EDWIN S. WALKER.

"Svenskarne i Illinois," by E. Johnson and C. F. Peterson, Chicago, 1880.

THE NORTHWEST AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

"The Conquest of St. Joseph, Michigan, by the Spaniards in 1781," by Clarence W. Alvord, 1908.—

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"Genesis of the Proclamation of 1763." by Clarence W. Alvord. The gifts of the AUTHOR.

"The Great Plains," by Randall Parrish, Chicago, 1909. The gift of MR. OGDEN T. McCLURG.

"Heroes of the Middle West, the French," by Mary H. Catherwood, Boston, 1898.

"Food from the Far West, or, American Agriculture," by James Macdonald, London and Edinburg, 1878.—
 "The Garden of the World, or, The Great West," by an Old Settler, Boston, 1856.—
 "Travels in the Interior of North America, 1832-34," by Maximilian, Prince of Wied, ed. by Reuben Gold Thwaites, LL.D., Cleveland, 1905-1906, 3 volumes and atlas.—
 "Waldie's Select Circulating Library," Philadelphia, vol. 1, 1833. Maj. John Richardson's "Waucousta, or, the Prophecy, a Tale of Detroit and Michillimackinac," is here printed for the first time.—
 "Histoire de Kentucke," par M. John Filson, Paris, 1785.—
 "Plea in Behalf of Western Colleges," by Albert Barnes, Philadelphia, 1846.—
 "Message from the President, Feb. 19, 1906." This contains the first account of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, State of Indiana," Chicago, 1884.—
 "History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties, Indiana," Chicago, 1885.—
 "History of Tennessee," Nashville, 1887.—
 "Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi," Chicago, 1901, 2 vols. The gifts of MR. W. A. GOODSPEED.

"Lewis and Clarke's Journey to the Rocky Mountains in the Years 1804-5-6," by Patrick Gass, Dayton, 1847.

"A Map of the Proposed Northern Route for a Railroad to the Pacific," by Edwin P. Johnson, C. E., Hartford, Conn., 1854. The gift of MR. THOMAS BUCKLEY, in whose possession the map has been since 1855.

"Western Literary Messenger," Buffalo, Vol. 8, 1847.

A Collection of Maps of the States and Territories of the Western Section of the United States, 1878-1879.—
 "Discovery and Conquests of the Northwest with the History of Chicago," by Rufus Blanchard, Chicago, 1898, 1900, 2 vols.—
 "The Geography of the Region about

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Devils Lake, and the Dalles of the Wisconsin," by Salisbury and Atwood, Madison, 1900.—"Waucousta, a Tale of the Pontiac Conspiracy," by Major Richardson, Toronto, 1906. The gifts of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

LINCOLNIANA.

"Abraham Lincoln, Incidents in His Life Relating to Waterways," by William A. Meese, Moline, *Privately printed*, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

This is one of the most valuable contributions of the year to Lincoln literature.

"Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," by Florence McCarthy, 1908. *Ms.* The gift of the AUTHOR.

"At Gettysburg: Lincoln as seen by a School Boy," by Austin Bierbower. (Chicago Daily News, Feb. 12, 1908.)

"Ceremonies at the Unveiling of the Statue of Abraham Lincoln, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, October 27, 1887." The gift of MR. FRANCIS T. SIMMONS, President of the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln Park.

"Copperheads under the Heel of an Illinois Farmer," by Hon. Isaac Funk of McLean County.

This speech delivered in the 23rd Assembly of the Illinois Legislature attracted much attention at the time being delivered with the purpose of stemming the tide of political revulsion which followed the issuance of President Lincoln's preliminary Proclamation of Emancipation.

"Lincoln Grand March," by F. W. Rauch, Cincinnati, 1860.

"Why We Love Lincoln," by James Creelman. (Extract from Pearson's Magazine, New York, Oct.-Nov., 1908.)

"Diary from March 4, 1861, to November 12, 1862," by Adam Gurowski, Boston, 1862.

"The Great Debate, A Platform Scene in the Seven Joint Discussions between Lincoln and Douglas," by A. W. Jerome, *n. p.*, 1899.

"Last Days of Lincoln and Lyrical Sketches," by John Irving Pearce, Jr., Chicago, 1904. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

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"The Life and Public Services of Hon. Abraham Lincoln, by D. W. Bartlett, New York, 1860. The gift of MR. THOMAS DENT.

This copy is in the original wrappers and bears a wood-cut portrait on the cover.

"Lincoln and the New York Herald. Unpublished Letters of Abraham Lincoln from the Collection of Judd Stewart," *Privately printed*, Plainfield, N. J., 1907. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

From the exquisite reproduction of the ambrotype portrait of 1860, through the fifteen pages of letter-press to the five fac-similies of documents at the end, this is eloquent of the homage all Lincoln lovers long to express—it is a production veritably worthy of its great subject.

"The Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858," edited with introduction and notes by Edwin Erle Sparks, Ph.D. (Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Vol. 3, Lincoln Series, Vol. 1.) Springfield, 1908. The gift of the ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY.

"Lincoln's Suspension of Habeas Corpus as Viewed by Congress," by George S. Sallory. (Bulletin of The University of Wisconsin, No. 149, April, 1907.)

"New Albany Daily Ledger," New Albany, Ind., 1860-61, 65 issues.—Anti-Lincoln paper.

"New York Herald," April 16, 1865.—Contains the account of the Assassination.

Proceedings at the First Annual Meeting and Dinner of The Lincoln Fellowship, February 12, 1908; also, the Souvenir Menu Card, etc. The gift of THE LINCOLN FELLOWSHIP.

"Scientific American," New York, Dec. 1, 1860.

This number contains a very interesting article on Abraham Lincoln's patent of May 22, 1849: "The President Elect's Mode of Buoying Vessels."

"Semi-Centennial Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Ottawa, Illinois, Aug. 21st, 1858-1908."—Newspaper articles. The gift of MRS. E. S. PETTITCLERE, Ottawa, Ill.

"The True Abraham Lincoln," by Wm. Eleroy Curtiss, Philadelphia and London, *J. B. Lippincott & Co.*, 1907. The gift of the PUBLISHERS.

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"Vanity Fair," New York, vols. 3-5, 1861-1862.

Mr. J. B. Oakleaf, of Moline, a Corresponding Member of this Society and owner of one of the five largest Lincoln collections in the United States, presented the Society with a group of pamphlets bearing an unusual variety of imprints, as follow: "Abraham Lincoln," by D. Koren, Decorah, Ia., 1901.—"Abraham Lincoln" by Richard Lovett, M. A., London, *n. d.*—"Abraham Lincoln, a Lecture," by Robert G. Ingersoll, New York, 1907.—"Abraham Lincoln, An Appreciation," published by Francis D. Tandy Company, New York, *n. d.*—"Abraham Lincoln, Farmer's Boy and President," published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, *n. d.*—"Abraham Lincoln, His Religion," by Robert N. Reeves, Chicago, *n. d.*—"An Analysis of the Gettysburg Address," compiled by Joseph B. Oakleaf, Moline, Ill., 1908. In this little brochure the compiler has placed side by side the thoughts of authorities of national reputation and the observations of some of his friends and neighbors, thus furnishing an excellent commentary upon this oration of orations. For a quantitative analysis according to syllables the compiler is indebted to Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr.—"Autobiography of a Slander," by Edna Lyal; and "Abraham Lincoln;" bearbitet von Camilla Hammond. Wolfenbüttel, Ger., 1898.—"Lincoln in Story, The Life of the Martyr-President Told in Authenticated Anecdotes," edited by Silas G. Pratt, Tokio, & Osaka, 1904.—"Lincoln's Campaign, or, The Political Revolution of 1860," by Osborn H. Oldroyd, Chicago, 1896.—"Lincolnian Picturesses," by T. G. Onstot, Forest City, Ill., *n. d.*—"The Memory of Lincoln, Poems Selected with an Introduction by M. A. DeWolfe Howe," Boston, 1899.—"The Perfect Tribute," by Mary Raymond Andrews, New York, 1906.—"The Story of Lincoln," by Virginia Heath Portland, 1905.

The following Lincoln items are the gifts of Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr.: "Collier's," New York, Feb. 16, 1908.—"Abraham Lincoln, His Life, Sayings and Speeches," *n. p.*, *n. d.*—"Back There in '58," by Ida M. Tarbell, 1907.—"Life and Works of Abraham Lincoln," ed. by Marion Mills Miller, Centenary edition, New York, 1907, 9 volumes.—"The Lincoln Year-book, Axioms and

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Aphorisms from the Great Emancipator," compiled by Wallace Rice, Chicago, 1907.—"Lincoln's Boyhood," by Eleanor Atkinson, 1908.—Facsimile-photograph of an invitation and envelope in President Lincoln's handwriting, found in the papers of Adolph F. C. Mueller, who died August 6, 1907.

Mr. Mueller, Isaac N. Arnold and John H. Dunham were the (first Republican) representatives of Cook County, and Norman B. Judd was the (first Republican) State Senator, in the Illinois Legislature, 1856-7.

BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY.

"Some Account of the Tree Family and Its Connections in England and America," ed. by Josiah G. Leash, LL.B., Philadelphia, 1908. The gift of HON. LAMBERT TREE.

"Life and Character of William Taylor Baker, President of the World's Columbian Exposition and of the Chicago Board of Trade," by his son, Charles H. Baker, New York, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Ulysses S. Grant, His Life, Surrender of Lee, Important Events '56 to '65," *n. p., n. d.*—"John Paul Jones, His Life, Battles, and Burial," *n. p., n. d.*—"Benjamin Franklin, His Life, Acts and Sayings," *n. p., n. d.* The gifts of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"The True Andrew Jackson," by Cyrus Townsend Brady, LL.D., Philadelphia and London, *J. B. Lippincott & Co.*, 1906. The gift of the PUBLISHERS.

"John Watts de Peyster," by Frank Allaben, New York, 1908, 2 vols. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"William Vocke, Aus Seinem Leben Und Wirken," Chicago, 1892.

REFERENCE AND GENERAL WORKS.

"J. Russell's Gazette," Boston, 1800-1801. The gift of MR. WM. ELIOT FURNESS.

"Republican Campaign Text-Book, 1908; issued by the Republican National Committee," Philadelphia, 1908.—"Extracts from the Congressional Record, 1854-1908. The gifts of MR. LOUIS J. BEHAN, of the National Republican Committee. These are valuable additions to the collections of national convention and political campaign literature.

Accessions—(Continued)

"The Weekly Messenger," Boston, 1811-13, vols. 1 & 2. This contains an account of the Fort Dearborn massacre.—"An Authentic History of the Late War, between the United States and Great Britain," by Paris M. Davis, New York, 1836.—"Domestic Manners of the Americans," by Mrs. Trollope, London, 1832, 2 vols., 3rd ed.—"The History and Topography of the United States," edited by John Howard Hinton, London, 1830 and 1832, 2 vols., quarto.—An interesting collection of American maps.—"Henry Irving's Impressions of America," by Joseph Hatton, London, 1884, 2 vols.—Ohio Newspapers, 1833-1898. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"Works of Edwin Sawyer Walker, 1828-1908." The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Writings on American History, 1906," New York, 1908. 3 copies. The gifts of DR. J. FRANKLIN JAMESON.

"The Quarterly Review," New York, 1810-21, 21 vols.—"History of the Reign of Charles V., Emperor of Germany," America, 1770, 3 vols.—"Minutes of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania," vols. 1-3, 1683-1736, published by the State, Harrisburg, 1838-1840.—"Pennsylvania Archives" Harrisburg, vols. 7-12, 1838-40.—"The Saturday Magazine," London, 1832-1841, 11 vols. The gifts of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

The Chicago Daily News, Inter Ocean, Record-Herald and Tribune, as well as the leading magazines of the city (*see* LIST OF DONORS) continue to donate all of their issues to the Library. The newspapers supply their files in substantial bindings, several having adopted heavy canvas in place of leather for this purpose, at the request of the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE

Librarian.

On motion of MR. BURLEY, seconded by BISHOP CHENEY, the Librarian's Report was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

In the absence of MR. ORSON SMITH, Treasurer of the Society, MR. KERFOOT read the Treasurer's Report and the Report of the Auditing Committee, which are as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance on hand November 20th, 1907 | | \$ 2,715.82 |
| Deposits by Secretary | 6,928.31 | |
| Deposits by Trustees Gilpin Fund. .. | 3,000.00 | |
| Deposit by S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., Tilton Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| Interest on Commonwealth Electric Company bonds | 400.00 | |
| Interest on People's Gas Company Bonds | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Bonds | 220.00 | |
| Interest on South Side Elevated Ry. Bonds | 180.00 | |
| Interest on Metropolitan Elevated Ry. Bonds | 40.00 | |
| Interest on Chicago City Ry. Bonds.. | 75.00 | |
| Interest on Bank Account | 42.06 | 14,285.37 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$17,001.19 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|-------------|-----------|
| Vouchers issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President .. | \$11,543.01 | |
| Balance on hand November 7, 1908... | 5,458.18 | |
| | <hr/> | 17,001.19 |

The above balance is made up as follows:

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Jonathan Burr Fund | \$ 3.28 |
| Philo Carpenter Fund | 76.81 |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund. | 156.14 |
| Lucretia Pond Fund | 646.01 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund .. | 632.80 |
| T. Mauro Garrett Fund | 2.50 |
| Elias T. Watkins Fund | 2.50 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton Fund | 4.17 |
| * Henry J. Willing Fund | 2,500.00 |
| General Fund | 1,433.97 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,458.18 |

* Invested in Bonds since rendering of Treasurer's Report.

The following securities are held in Safe Deposit Box by the Society :

POND FUND.

| | | |
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| Four (4) South Side Elevated Ry. bonds, each | \$1,000 | \$4,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bond | 500 | 500 |
| Eight (8) People's Gas Light & Coke Co. bonds, each | 1,000 | 8,000 |
| One (1) Metropolitan Elevated R. R. bond, | 1,000 | 1,000 |

STICKNEY FUND.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bonds, each | \$1,000 | \$5,000 |
|---|---------|---------|

CARPENTER FUND.

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co. bond.. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
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JACKSON FUND.

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co. bond.. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|--|-------|-------|

GARRETT FUND.

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co. bond.. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
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WATKINS FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Commonwealth Electric Co. bonds, each | 1,000 | 5,000 |
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TILTON FUND.

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|---|-------|-------|
| Three (3) Chicago City Railway bonds, each, | 1,000 | 3,000 |
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Respectfully submitted,

ORSON SMITH,
Treasurer.

On motion of MR. FERGUS, seconded by GENERAL NEWBERRY, the Reports were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

(The Report of the Auditing Committee appears immediately following the Digest of Trial Balance; see page 30.)

MR. BURLEY of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, then presented and read the Report of the Gilpin Trustees as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER 1, 1907, TO OCTOBER 31, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Certificate of deposit on hand Nov. 1, 1907 | \$ 810.46 |
| City 4 % bond No. 312, matured Jan. 1, 1908 | 1,000.00 |
| City 4 % bond No. 1845, bought January 10, 1908, at 98¾ (sold Oct. 26, 1908, at 99¾) | 997.50 |
| Interest on \$22,500 3½ % bonds, 1 year.. | \$ 787.50 |
| Interest on \$43,500 4 % bonds, 1 year.. | 1,740.00 |
| Interest on \$1,000 4 % bonds, 6 months | 20.00 |
| Interest on certificates of deposit and bond sold | \$ 35.66 |
| | <u>2,583.16</u> |
| | \$5,391.12 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Paid \$2,000 4 % city bonds Nos. 1844 1845, at 98¾ | \$1,975.00 |
| Paid American Iron & Wire Works for 8 steel book stacks | 1,200.00 |
| Paid Chicago Historical Society..... | 1,800.00 |
| Paid safety box rent | 10.00 |
| | <u>4,985.00</u> |
| Certificate of deposit in safety vault.... | \$ 406.12 |

ASSETS.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Chicago City 3½ % bonds, par value.. | \$22,500.00 |
| Chicago City 4 % bonds, par value . . | 43,500.00 |
| Certificate of deposit | 406.12 |
| | <u>\$66,406.12</u> |

LIABILITIES.

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|---|-------------|
| Amount received from estate of Henry D. Gilpin, deceased | \$64,314.34 |
| Surplus | \$2,091.78 |

EUGENE H. FISHBURN,
ERSKINE M. PHELPS,
CLARENCE A. BURLEY,
WALTER L. FISHER,
Trustees.

On motion of JUDGE TREE, seconded by MR. FULLER, the Report of the Gilpin Trustees was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

The next order of business being election of new members THE PRESIDENT presented and read the following list of names of the persons recommended by resolutions of the Executive Committee for election to membership:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

JOHN OGDEN ARMOUR
MARTIN D. HARDIN
KATHERINE SNOW ISHAM
CHARLES WESLEY MANN
OTTO C. SCHNEIDER

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

CLARENCE MONROE BURTON
CLARK E. CARR
ARMS SPAFARD CHAPMAN
WILLIAM OCTAVE HART
HARRY LINCOLN SAYLER
FRANK EVERETT STEVENS
JUDD STEWART

THE PRESIDENT announced that the election must be by ballot, and on motion of MR. BURLEY, seconded by JUDGE TREE, the Secretary of the Meeting cast the ballot of the members present for the persons so recommended and THE PRESIDENT declared them duly elected.

The next order of business was election of Officers. THE PRESIDENT appointed DR. ISHAM, MR. HAMILTON and MR. FERGUS as a Special Committee on Nomination of Officers and the Committee retired for consultation.

During the absence of this Committee, and at the request of some of the members, the Librarian read extracts from her Annual Report reviewing certain phases of the Society's work in her department, and describing some of the especially valuable and interesting accessions of the

year. This afforded a pleasurable diversion from the routine of statistical reports and was greeted with applause.

The Committee on Nominations having returned to the room DR. ISHAM as chairman presented their Report which is as follows:

Your Committee respectfully reports the following nominations, to-wit:

President, FRANKLIN H. HEAD

First Vice-President, THOMAS DENT

Second Vice-President, LAMBERT TREE

And for Members of the Executive Committee:

SAMUEL H. KERFOOT, JR., to succeed himself.
for the term ending November, 1912.

EDWARD L. RYERSON, to succeed Joseph T.
Bowen, for the term ending November, 1912.

GEORGE S. ISHAM, Chairman.

THE PRESIDENT asked if there were any other nominations and there being none, GENERAL NEWBERRY moved that the Report be approved, and the motion was duly seconded and carried.

BISHOP CHENEY moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the Report of the Committee as the unanimous ballot of the members present. The motion being seconded by MR. GUNTHER, was carried.

MR. KERFOOT cast the ballot accordingly, and THE PRESIDENT declared the nominees duly elected.

PRESIDENT HEAD then briefly addressed the meeting and expressed his pleasure and the gratification of the officers and the Executive Committee at the large attendance of the members. He congratulated the Society upon the showing made in the Annual Reports, and upon the active interest of its members. He spoke of the enlarged sphere of the Society's work, making special mention of the unique character and value of its library, and outlined some of the plans of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, including:
: publication of the Bogges History of Illinois now in

press, and the possible publication of the Diary of President James K. Polk, the original of which is owned by the Society. THE PRESIDENT emphasized and deplored the lack of funds necessary to meet the expenses of publishing many of the Society's original manuscripts which would be of great value in the field of historical research and literature, and expressed the hope that the generosity of the members might prompt them to make liberal contributions to the Fund. THE PRESIDENT then announced the early presentation to the Society of an oil portrait of President Roosevelt, who had granted sittings to the artist, Mr. A. Benziger, of Switzerland and Chicago, as a gift to the Society from one of its Life Members. The President's remarks were received with much enthusiasm.

There being no further business, on motion of MR. GUNTHER, seconded by MR. FULLER, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

S. H. KERFOOT, JR.,
Secretary of the Meeting.

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 SEIPP, WILLIAM CONRAD
 SHORTALL, JOHN LOUIS
 SMITH, DELAVAN
 SMITH, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS
 SMITH, FREDERICK BELCHER
 SMITH, ORSON
 SNOW, HELEN E.
 SPOOR, JOHN ALDEN
 SPRAGUE, ALBERT ARNOLD
 TON, CORNELIUS J.
 TURCK, FENTON B.
 TUTTLE, FREDERICK BULKLEY
 WACKER, CHARLES HENRY
 WALKER, ELIA MARSH
 WALKER, HENRY H.
 WALKER, WILLIAM BENTLEY
 WATKINS, ELIAS MARVIN
 WEBER, HERMAN
 WEGG, DAVID SPENCER
 WELLS, FREDERICK LATIMER
 WILLING, MARK SKINNER
 WILMARTH, MARY JANE HAWES
 WILSON, JOHN P.
 WRENN, JOHN HENRY

HONORARY MEMBERS

ADAMS, CHARLES FRANCIS
CULLOM, SHELBY MOORE
DRAPER, ANDREW SLOAN
GIROUARD, DESIRE
JAMES, EDMUND JANES
JAMESON, JOHN FRANKLIN
JONES, FERNANDO
ROOSEVELT, THEODORE
SMTH, GOLDWIN
STEVENSON, ADLAI EWING
WHITEHOUSE, FREDERIC COPE

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ANDERSON, HENRY C. L.
APPLETON, EDWARD DALE
ATKINSON, ELEANOR
BAKER, GEORGE HALL
BARTON, EDMUND MILLS
BASKIN, OLIVER LAWRENCE
BEER, WILLIAM
BEERS, JOHN HOBART
BONBRIGHT, DANIEL
BOND, CHARLES FREDERICK
BOND, EDWARD ROGERS
BOND, MARY ESTHER
BOND, SHADRACH CUTHBERT
BOND, THOMAS WILLIAM
BOURLAND, BENJAMIN LANGFORD TODD
BROWN, EDWARD OSGOOD
BROWN, SAMUEL LOCKWOOD
BRUWAERT, EDMOND
BURKE, JOHN CRYSTOSTOM
BURNHAM, JOHN HOWARD
BURTON, CLARENCE MONROE
BUSHNELL, DAVID IVES
CAMPBELL, CHARLES BISHOP
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CHAPMAN, FRANK M.
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COX, ISAAC JOSLIN
CRANE, FRANK W.
CURREY, JOSIAH SEYMOUR
DEWOLF, EDWARD P.
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DOUGLAS, WALTER BOND
DUNN, JACOB PIATT
DURRETT, REUBEN THOMAS
EASTMAN, FRANCIS AMBROSE
FERTIG, JAMES WALTER
FRANKLIN, MARIAN SCOTT
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GOSSELIN, A. E.
GREELEY, SAMUEL SEWELL
GREEN, SAMUEL ABBOTT
GREENE, EVARTS BOUTELL
GROVER, FRANK REED
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HART, WILLIAM OCTAVE
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HEAD, WILLIAM RICHARD
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HUBBARD, ELIJAH KENT
HULL, HORACE
ISHAM, WILLIAM BRADLEY
JAMES, JAMES ALTON
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KELTON, DWIGHT H.
KINNEY, HENRY CLAY
KOHLSAAT, HERMAN HENRY
LEONARD, EDWARD FRANCKE
LEWIS, BENJAMIN F.
LONG, JOHN TURNER
MCCLURG, GILBERT
MCCLURG, VIRGINIA DONAGHE
MCCORD, DAVID ROSS
MCGEE, W J
MCGOVERN, JAMES J.
MARTIN, JOSEPH STANLEY
MEESE, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS

MENARD, PETER ABIJAH
MILLS, WILLIAM C.
MITCHELL, WILLIAM ARTHUR RIGHT
OAKLEAF, JOSEPH B.
ONAHAN, WILLIAM JAMES
O'SHAUGHNESSY, THOMAS A.
PAGE, WALTER HINES
PARKER, EDWARD JARVIS
PEET, STEPHEN DENISON
PETERSON, PAUL CHRISTIAN
PETITCLERE, EMMA L.
PHILLIMORE, WILLIAM P. W.
PUTNAM, ELIZABETH DUNCAN
RADEBAUGH, WILLIAM
REDMOND, LILY MELDRUM
ROSE, JAMES ALEXANDER
SAYLER, HARRY LINCOLN
SMITH, JOHN CORSON
SMITH, PERRY HIRAM, JR.
SMITH, VALENTINE
SPARKS, EDWIN ERLE
STEVENS, FRANK EVERETT
STEWART, JOHN FLETCHER
STEWART, JUDD
SWEARINGEN, JAMES STRODE
THACHER, EDWARD STRODE
THWAITES, REUBEN GOLD
UPTON, GEORGE PUTNAM
VAN NAME, ADDISON
WALKER, EDWIN SAWYER
WATSON, ELIZA LUCRETIA BOND
WELLS, ALBERT EMORY
WHISTLER, GARLAND NELSON
WILLARD, SAMUEL
WILSON, JAMES GRANT
WOOD, JAMES WHISTLER

CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, it is conducive to the public good of a State to encourage such institutions as have for their object to collect and preserve the memorials of its founders and benefactors, as well as the historical evidences of its progress in settlement and population, and in the arts, improvements, and institutions which distinguish a civilized community, and to transmit the same for the instruction and benefit of future generations:

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That* William H. Brown, William B. Ogden, J. Young Scammon, Mason Brayman, Mark Skinner, Geo. Manierre, John H. Kinzie, J. V. Z. Blaney, E. I. Tinkham, J. D. Webster, W. A. Smallwood, V. H. Higgins, N. S. Davis, Charles H. Ray, S. D. Ward, M. D. Ogden, F. Scammon, E. B. McCagg, and William Barry, all of the City of Chicago, who have associated for the purpose aforesaid, be and are hereby formed into and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY," and that they and their successors, and such others as shall be legally elected by them as their associates, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, forever.

SEC. 2. Said Society shall have power to elect a President, and all necessary officers, and shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew at pleasure; and, as a body politic and corporate, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits, both in law and equity, to final judgment and execution.

SEC. 3. The said Society shall have power to make all orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member, who, by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy, or who shall neglect or refuse to observe the rules and by-laws of this Society.

SEC. 4. The said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and is hereby

empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 30, 1867.

CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.
Revised, November 29, 1870.
Amended, January 16, 1883.
Revised, November 21, 1893.
Amended, November 20, 1906.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This Society shall be called the **CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

Its object shall be to institute and encourage historical inquiry, to collect and preserve the materials of history, and to spread historical information, especially concerning the Northwestern States.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Honorary Life, Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot only at a regular meeting of the Society, and only upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, unless, by unanimous consent, they shall be elected by a *viva-voce* vote cast at a regular meeting by twelve legally-qualified voters. Three adverse ballots or three dissenting votes shall reject the candidate.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership shall be as follows: For Life-Membership, five hundred dollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society: and for Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum, the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; *provided*, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues.

SEC. 3. The right to hold office and vote, and to take any part in the proceedings of the Society, shall be accorded to and may be exercised only by the members of the three classes first hereinbefore named.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Society, *ex-officio*, who shall be the chairman thereof, and eight others, all of which aforementioned officers shall be members of the Society, and also a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings for one year, and shall respectively remain in office until the election of their successors.

They shall perform such duties as are common to such officers or as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any of these offices may be filled by ballot at any special meeting, notice of such election being given in the notice of such meeting.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings, two members of which shall, from the time of the first election hereunder, hold their office until the next annual election of officers; two of them until the second such election; two of them until the third such election; and two of them until the fourth such election. The terms for which the first members so chosen at the first election shall hold their office, shall be determined by lot immediately after such election.

SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election, at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee, constituted above, shall alone hold, manage, administer, and control all the money, property, effects, and affairs of the Society: and said committee may appoint a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Secretary, and such assistants and employes in the service of the Society as to said committee may seem fit; and may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of such officers, assistants and employes; and said committee may make investments of the Society's funds, *provided* that no fund bequeathed to or held by the Society for a specific purpose shall be appropriated to or used for any other purpose, and *provided* further that said committee shall not incur any liability on the part of said Society in any one year which shall exceed its annual income; and it shall be the duty of said committee to make an annual report to the Society of all its acts and doings.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of November in each year, and the fiscal year of the Society shall begin with the first day of November in each year and end with the thirty-first day of the following October.

SEC. 2. The regular meetings shall be held at such times and conducted in such manner as shall be pre-

scribed in the By-Laws and directed by the Executive Committee, provided no such regular meeting shall occur at the same time with the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. At the annual meetings not less than twelve members having the right to vote, and at the special business meetings not less than seven such members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Special meetings and special business meetings may be called by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, of which due notice shall be given at least two days beforehand.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any annual or special meeting; *provided* that a printed or written copy of the proposed alterations or amendments shall have accompanied the notice of the meeting at which they shall be acted upon; and *provided* further that not less than twelve members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. I. SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and call such special meetings and special business meetings as he may deem necessary, or as he may, in writing, be requested to call by five members of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President from the meetings of the Society or from Chicago.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee may adopt such rules for their own action not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as they may find most convenient and necessary.

SEC. 4. All nominations to membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and reported upon by them to the Society.

MEETINGS.

ART. II. SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each of the following named months, to-wit: January, April and October.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of November, the precise hour in the case of this and all other meetings of the Society being designated by the President and stated in the notice of the meeting.

SEC. 3. The exercises of the regular and special meetings of the Society shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, and in general conformity with the objects of the Society.

SEC. 4. The order of business at the special business meetings of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding business meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Deferred business.
6. New business.

SEC. 5. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees and Trustees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Deferred business.
7. New business.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. III. SECTION 1. The dues of the annual members of the Society shall be payable annually in advance on the third Tuesday of November in each year.

SEC. 2. Should the dues of any member remain unpaid for the space of one month, the Executive Committee shall notify him in writing, that unless his dues are paid within one month from the date of such notice his membership shall cease, and unless such dues are paid

pursuant to such notice, or such default is accounted for to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, such person shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. IV. The By-Laws in whole or in part may be suspended during any special business or annual meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present at any such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended on the same conditions prescribed for amending the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 1909.

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading-Room of the Society's Building at eight o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, November 16, 1909, pursuant to notice given, as provided by its Constitution.

The most interesting if not the most important occasion of the year was the Society's Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln. In this connection the Society was the recipient, by donation, of many unique additions to its Lincolniana; original letters and manuscripts by Lincoln; also portraits in oil and photograph, bronze and plaster; a lock of his hair; and other personal mementos. These donations, together with an exceedingly large collection of similar material loaned by our members, and also liberal selections from the Society's already rich collection of Lincolniana, were installed as a special exhibit during the entire week of February 8-13, and the Reading-Room was virtually transformed into a Lincoln Memorial Museum. Many hundreds of visitors, including scores of school children and students, thronged the Building and had opportunity to view and examine the mementos of the Great Emancipator. On the evening of the Annual Meeting the Special Exhibit of noteworthy accessions during the year, which according to recent custom had been arranged by the Librarian and the House Committee, consisted principally of selections from the Lincolniana, and they were studied with much interest and admiration by the members in attendance.

Another interesting event of the year was the election of Theodore Roosevelt to Honorary Membership in the So-

ciety. The Executive Committee had for some time considered the election of Mr. Roosevelt to such membership on account of his literary and other services in the field of Northwestern History rather than his exalted official position. Prior to the donation by Mr. Lytton of an oil portrait of Mr. Roosevelt, President Head, on behalf of the Committee, wrote tendering him such membership and asking whether it would be accepted, and received in reply a cordial letter from Mr. Roosevelt, expressing his pleasure and his recognition of the honor, and referring in complimentary terms to the work of the Society. This letter is framed and hangs under his portrait in the Reading-Room.

The Reports of the Executive Committee and of the Librarian, presented herewith, mention with considerable detail the accessions for the year, describing at some length the most important of them, and giving a complete itemized list of all the donations, with the names of the donors. The reading of these Reports should prove not only entertaining but instructive to the members, as constituting the only source from which in condensed form they can learn to what extent and with what zeal the work of the Society is being carried on, and the richness of the additions which are being made to its Collections. Beyond question the Society possesses in its Library, Portrait Gallery, and Museum, the richest collection in existence of priceless muniments of the History of Chicago and its surrounding country.

The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT HEAD at half past eight o'clock; and on motion of DR. SCHMIDT, seconded by MR. FULLER, MR. KERFOOT was appointed Secretary of the Meeting.

The following members were present: CLARENCE A. BURLEY, CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, NATHAN S. DAVIS, THOMAS DENT, ALBERT DICKINSON, JULIUS FRANKEL, LUCIUS J. FISHER, WILLIAM A. FULLER, GEORGE H. FERGUS, CHARLES F. GUNTHER, FRANKLIN H. HEAD, SAMUEL H. KERFOOT, JR., GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, SEYMOUR MORRIS,

WALTER C. NEWBERRY, LAVERNE W. NOYES, HENRY H. PORTER, HENRY H. PORTER, JR., WILLIAM P. REND, EDWARD L. RYERSON, FRED M. SCHMIDT, OTTO L. SCHMIDT, RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, WILLIAM C. SEIPP, DAVID S. WEGG; also the Librarian.

The first order of business being the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, MR. BURLEY moved, seconded by MR. MERRYWEATHER, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as the proceedings had been published in the 1908 Year-Book and distributed among the members; there being no objection, it was so ordered by THE PRESIDENT.

The next order of business was Reports of Officers, the originals of which were on the Secretary's table; they had been printed in pamphlet form and were distributed among the members present. THE PRESIDENT stated that unless the reading of them was called for, it would be dispensed with, and it was so ordered.

The Secretary of the Meeting then presented the Executive Committee's Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1909.

To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—The Executive Committee, in conformity with the Society's Constitution, has the honor to submit its Annual Report as follows:

FUNDS.

The Society's funds consist of ten special funds and a general fund.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$66,699.99, as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of

trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are EUGENE H. FISHBURN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY, WALTER L. FISHER and ERSKINE M. PHELPS, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officiis*. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 235.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in a cottage and twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. Necessary repairs on the cottage and taxes on the property were advanced out of the General Fund and these are in part still due that fund. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 3.28 |
| Advanced by General Fund for repairs and taxes | \$36.40 |
| Balance due General Fund, Oct. 31, 1909 | 33.12 |
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| | \$36.40 \$36.40 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 76.81 |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 |
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| | \$126.81 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | \$126.81 |

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett, and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 2.50 |
| Received interest on bonds | 50.00 |
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| | \$52.50 |
| to General Fund | \$52.50 |

THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington W. Jackson. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$156.14 | |
| Received interest on bond | 50.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$206.14 |
| Paid into General Fund on account of books purchased | | 100.00 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | | \$106.14 |

THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents, or pictures and paintings of historical interest. The fund is now invested in:

Four \$1,000 four and one-half per cent South Side Elevated Railway Company's bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent People's Gas Light and Coke Company's Refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fé Railroad Company's bond.

One \$1,000 four per cent first mortgage Metropolitan Elevated West Side Railway Company's bond.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$646.01 | |
| Received interest on bonds | 640.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,286.01 |
| Paid into General Fund on account of books purchased | 220.00 | |
| Paid for books and periodicals..... | 58.88 | 278.88 |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | | \$1,007.13 |

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, as a memorial to her husband, Edward Swan Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. It is in-

vested in five \$1,000 general mortgage, four per cent bonds of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The account of this fund stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$632.80 | |
| Received interest on bonds | 200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$832.80 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | | \$832.80 |

THE LUCRETIA J. TILTON FUND consists of \$3,000, bequeathed to the Society by the late Lucretia Jane Tilton, as a memorial to her husband, Lucian J. Tilton. It is invested in three \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Chicago City Railway Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 4.17 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$154.17 |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$154.17 |

THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 2.50 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 250.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$252.50 |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$252.50 |

THE HENRY J. WILLING FUND consists of \$2,500 bequeathed to the Society by the late Henry Jenkins Willing. The full amount is invested in two \$1,000 City of Mobile, Ala., four and one-half per cent bonds, and one \$500 four per cent bond of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The following account shows the condition of this fund:

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| Received interest on bonds..... | \$110.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund | | \$110.00 |

THE GENERAL FUND, from which the general expenditures of the Society are made, is derived principally from the annual dues of members, together with such gifts as are made from time to time without special restrictions. The account of this fund stands as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908... | \$1,433.97 | |
| Dues from annual members..... | 4,114.00 | |
| Trustees of Gilpin Fund..... | 2,221.90 | |
| Donation from Dr. O. L. Schmidt, cost of publishing Vol. 5, Col- lection | 700.00 | |
| Donations | 55.00 | |
| Received from Burr Fund on ac- count taxes and repairs..... | 3.28 | |
| Received from Garrett, Tilton, Watkins and Willing Funds.. | 569.17 | |
| Received from Jackson Fund, for purchase of books | 100.00 | |
| Received from Pond Fund, for pur- chase of books..... | 220.00 | |
| Interest and other sources..... | 224.71 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,642.03 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Salaries | \$4,106.75 | |
| Repairs and betterments | 559.91 | |
| Printing Vol. 5, Collection | 700.00 | |
| Printing lectures, invitations, etc... | 462.91 | |
| Editing Polk Diary | 400.00 | |
| Books and periodicals | 320.00 | |
| Repairs and taxes on Burr Fund property | 3.28 | |
| General expenses | 2,067.77 | |
| Cash on hand, Oct. 31, 1909..... | 1,021.41 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,642.03 |

TRIAL BALANCE.

OCTOBER 31, 1909.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | | \$227,021.41 |
| Jonathan Burr Fund | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter Fund | | 1,126.81 |
| T. Mauro Garrett Fund | | 1,000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin Fund..... | | 66,699.99 |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund.... | | 1,106.14 |
| Lucretia Pond Fund | | 14,507.13 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund..... | | 5,832.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton Fund | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins Fund | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing Fund | | 2,500.00 |
| Bills receivable | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Bonds .. | 32,000.00 | |
| *Real Estate | 227,000.00 | |
| Trustees Henry D. Gilpin Fund.. | 66,699.99 | |
| Cash | 3,094.29 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$329,794.28 | \$329,794.28 |

*Society's Building and Land.....\$225,000
 Burr Fund lots 2,000

DIGEST OF TRIAL BALANCE.

| FUND | Cash | Bills Rec'bl. | Bonds | Real Estate | Trustees Gilpin Fund | TOTALS |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| General | \$1,021.41 | \$1,000 | | \$225,000 | | \$227,021.41 |
| Jonathan Burr..... | | | | 2,000 | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter..... | 126.81 | | \$ 1,000 | | | 1,126.81 |
| T. Mauro Garrett..... | | | 1,000 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin..... | | | | | \$66,699.99 | 66,699.99 |
| Huntington W. Jackson | 106.14 | | 1,000 | | | 1,106.14 |
| Lucretia Pond..... | 1,007.13 | | 13.500 | | | 14,507.13 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney.. | 832.80 | | 5,000 | | | 5,832.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton..... | | | 3,000 | | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins..... | | | 5,000 | | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing..... | | | 2,500 | | | 2,500.00 |
| Totals..... | \$3,094.29 | \$1,000 | \$32,000 | \$227,000 | \$66,699.99 | \$329,794.28 |

The Treasurer's Report is appended, and appears on
 p 236-237.

NOVEMBER 5, 1909.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Chicago Historical Society and of Orson Smith, its Treasurer, for the year ending October 31, 1909, the vouchers for every disbursement, and the securities in the custody of the Treasurer, and that we find the same correct and as reported.

WALTER C. NEWBERRY,
CHARLES F. GUNTHER,
EDWARD L. RYERSON,
Auditing Committee.

The Executive Committee is again able to report, as it has annually for the last seven years, that the Society is *entirely free from debt*; that all of its trust funds are intact and safely invested in interest bearing securities, and that there is no matured interest in arrears. The reports of the Treasurer and the Gilpin Trustees, presented herewith, show the condition of the Society's several Endowment Funds. As required by the Society's Constitution, the income from these Funds is being expended only in the several branches of the Society's work for which they were respectively established.

The trial balance shows a cash balance on hand slightly larger than at the time of the last annual report. This fact is due to the rigid economy of the Executive Committee and not to any increase in the Society's income, and is in spite of the considerable expenditures for "Repairs and Betterments" on the Society's Building.

The scope of the Society's work during the past year has been perhaps the broadest since it was founded, and there have come to its Collections many accessions of unusual value and importance. The Society's influence has been more widely felt and its assistance more generally sought than ever before. The Librarian's Report illustrates these facts and elaborates them with considerable detail, and the Executive Committee hopes that that Report may prove to the members what the Society and its Library stand for in this community and in the intellectual world.

The Executive Committee appreciates, more perhaps than do the members, the exalted position of the Society among kindred institutions and its great value to this community. The Committee also realizes that the Society

should be of far greater value, and that it *would* be if its funds were materially increased. The annual membership should be at least doubled to augment the Society's income from dues, and its endowment should be multiplied many fold.

The Executive Committee believes that its appeals in the past have borne fruit during the year in bringing to its annual membership the sons of several of its early members, and these gentlemen are doubly welcome. Death has largely depleted our ranks of the pioneer members who with zeal and loyalty gave of their time and their means, and labored diligently during its early years for the founding of the Society, and building it up to its present splendid proportions. It was doubtless their hope and intention that its invaluable work should be regarded as a priceless heritage to be carried on and perpetuated by their descendants from generation to generation. More of such descendants should become active members of the Society. There are other hundreds of citizens, both men and women, who though not of Chicago parentage should be proud, and would doubtless be glad, to join the Society and be identified with its work. There are many who would come to its financial aid with liberal donations and bequests if they could be made to appreciate the great mission which the Society is fulfilling.

The Executive Committee does not hesitate to publish and reiterate the fact of the Society's pecuniary needs, nor will it feel justified in ceasing to do so until the necessity has been removed. The Committee, therefore, in the interest of the Society appeals to the members to aid it in at least doubling the membership, and thus enabling the Society to greatly extend its usefulness and enlarge its sphere of influence to greater proportions.

The Executive Committee again repeats its expression of the Society's gratitude for the bequests and assistance of its benefactors in the past. Their gifts were generous; their example worthy of emulation. Their names constitute the Roll of Honor in the city's history which should inspire the present generation to emulate the example thus set and to put the Society upon so firm a financial foundation as to permanently insure its taking and holding the rank of which it is so eminently worthy among institutions of our city and country.

MEETINGS.

On November 17, 1908, the Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Reading-Room and is reported in full in the Year-Book for 1908.

On November 24, 1908, at a special meeting of the Society, held in the Lecture Hall, Judge Edward Osgood Brown, a member of the Society, delivered an address on "Stephen Arnold Douglas." Judge Brown has spent much time in collecting material concerning this able Illinoisian in the preparation of his biography of Douglas recently published.

On Tuesday evening, December 8, 1908, at 8 o'clock, the Society tendered a reception to its members and invited guests upon the occasion of the presentation by Henry C. Lytton of a life-size oil portrait of Theodore Roosevelt by August Benziger of Switzerland. A large and enthusiastic audience was present to listen to Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, who made the presentation address on behalf of Mr. Lytton. The name of Theodore Roosevelt previously recommended by the Executive Committee for election by the Society to Honorary Membership, was presented and he was unanimously elected. A characteristically cordial letter from President Roosevelt accepting membership in the Society was read before the meeting. The portrait which has been assigned to the north wall of the Reading-Room represents the President standing, and portrays him in all the forceful vigor of the living man. It has been pronounced by many an admirable likeness.

On January 15, 1909, at a special meeting held in the Lecture Hall, the Society inaugurated its celebration of the Centenary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln with an illustrated lecture by Mr. William Webster Ellsworth, Secretary of the Century Company, entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: Boy and Man." The lecturer gave to his audience the fruit of many years of thought and research both in anecdote and illustration. In the latter Mr. Ellsworth was particularly fortunate in being able to show to his audience many unique treasures from such collections of Lincolniana as Major Lambert's, of Philadelphia; and by permission of the publishers of Nicolay and Hay's and

Miss Tarbell's biographies of Lincoln some of their original illustrations were used. The result was a wonderful wealth of material regarding Lincoln, especially concerning his early years in Illinois. This meeting attracted a large audience, many of whom remembered with pleasure Mr. Ellsworth's lecture before the Society some years ago, entitled, "From Lexington to Yorktown."

On February 12, 1909, the Society held a special meeting in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln, which was attended by an audience that taxed the capacity of the Lecture Hall, many having been turned away for lack of room. The speaker of the evening was Colonel Clark E. Carr, of Galesburg, Illinois, whose subject was "Lincoln at Gettysburg." Colonel Carr was present at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery as delegate from Illinois, and occupied a seat on the platform not far from Mr. Lincoln when he uttered those immortal words. During the course of his address he recited the Gettysburg Speech as he remembered it spoken by President Lincoln, imitating his manner and voice, which is said by those who knew Lincoln to be quite remarkable in its faithfulness to the original. As guests of honor upon this occasion, the Society invited the following persons, many of them contemporaries of Lincoln, to sit upon the platform during the exercises, but owing to Lincoln celebrations in Springfield and in their home cities to which they had previously been asked to act in a similar capacity, most of them were unable to be present. General Augustus L. Chetlain, of Galena, Ill.; Hon. Charles S. Deneen, Springfield, Ill.; General Martin D. Hardin, Chicago; Hon. T. J. Henderson, of Princeton, Ill.; President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago; Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, Chicago; Richard Price Morgan, of Dwight, Ill.; Daniel W. Munn, of Bloomington, Ill.; General Alfred Orendorff, Springfield, Ill.; Hon. James H. Roberts, of Chicago; Paul Selby, Chicago; Benjamin F. Shaw, Dixon, Ill.; Reuben G. Thwaites, of Madison, Wis.; Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Springfield, Ill., and Jesse W. Weik, of Greencastle, Ind. It is a matter of regret that more of those who were personally associated with Lincoln during his life in Illinois could not be present, but their presence graced other similar assemblies all to the honor of Abraham Lincoln.

After the address the guests of the Society were entertained by viewing the exhibits of *Lincolniana* arranged in the Reading-Room. This exhibit was probably the most elaborate made in Chicago in commemoration of the Great Emancipator's birth. It is most gratifying to the Executive Committee to record the hearty coöperation both on the part of other institutions of the city as well as individuals to make this exhibition worthy of its great subject. The Librarian's Report describes these exhibits with much detail and includes a catalogue of the articles loaned to the Society for the occasion, and the Executive Committee hereby confirms the expressions of the Society's gratitude contained in that report.

Tuesday evening, March 16, 1909, the Society held a special meeting in the Lecture Hall at which Dr. Charles B. Reed delivered an address, entitled, "Masters of the Wilderness: A Study of the Hudson's Bay Company from its Origin to Modern Times." Dr. Reed's paper was based upon personal observations made during repeated visits to numerous posts of the Hudson's Bay Company, supplemented by extensive research work extending over many years. He carried his audience through all the phases of that great company's history treating it from its commercial, political and romantic standpoints. This paper is the next pamphlet in the Society's series of Proceedings and has just been received from the printer.

On the evening of Friday, May 21, 1909, the German-American Historical Society of Illinois held a meeting in the Chicago Historical Society's Building to which all members of the latter Society were invited. The address was by Prof. Hjalmar Rued Holand, of Ephraim, Wis., curator of the Sons of Norway Historical Archives. His subject was "The Oldest Document of American History, A Runestone of Scandinavian Origin Found in Central Minnesota and Dating from the Year 1362." His discourse was exceedingly entertaining and the stone, which was on exhibition, was examined with interest by all present, and has since attracted the attention of the press all over the country.

On Tuesday evening, June 15, 1909, the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Death of James Knox Polk, the Society held a special meeting in the Lecture Hall at 8 o'clock to listen to an address entitled "*The Obscuration of James*

trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are EUGENE H. FISHBURN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY, WALTER L. FISHER and ERSKINE M. PHELPS, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officiis*. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 235.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in a cottage and twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. Necessary repairs on the cottage and taxes on the property were advanced out of the General Fund and these are in part still due that fund. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 3.28 |
| Advanced by General Fund for repairs and taxes | \$36.40 |
| Balance due General Fund, Oct. 31, 1909 | 33.12 |
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| | \$36.40 \$36.40 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 76.81 |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$126.81 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | \$126.81 |

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett, and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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|--|---------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$ 2.50 |
| Received interest on bonds | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$52.50 |
| Paid into General Fund | \$52.50 |

THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington W. Jackson. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:

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|---|----------|----------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$156.14 | |
| Received interest on bond | 50.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$206.14 |
| Paid into General Fund on account of books purchased | | 100.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | | \$106.14 |

THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents, or pictures and paintings of historical interest. The fund is now invested in:

Four \$1,000 four and one-half per cent South Side Elevated Railway Company's bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent People's Gas Light and Coke Company's Refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fé Railroad Company's bond.

One \$1,000 four per cent first mortgage Metropolitan Elevated West Side Railway Company's bond.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

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|---|----------|------------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1908 | \$646.01 | |
| Received interest on bonds | 640.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,286.01 |
| Paid into General Fund on account of books purchased | 220.00 | |
| Paid for books and periodicals..... | 58.88 | 278.88 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | | \$1,007.13 |

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, as a memorial to her husband, Edward Swan Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. It is in-

capacity Governor Hunt commissioned him Brigadier-General in May, 1851—the first appointment of its kind in that state. He was also made Military Agent to Europe with a view of obtaining further knowledge abroad for the improvement of the military system of this country. By “Concurrent Resolution” of both branches of the New York Legislature he was appointed Major-General by Brevet in the National Guard of the State of New York on October 25, 1867, for “meritorious services rendered to the National Guard and to the United States, prior to and during the Rebellion,” the rank to date from April 20, 1862—a unique distinction. Although he was not actively engaged upon the field of war, his energy and intellect were devoted assiduously to the cause of the Union. The later years of his life were spent at his summer home, “Rose Hill,” Tivoli, New York. He died on May 4, 1907.

BERNHARD FELSENTHAL, whose Corresponding Membership in the Society dates back almost to its founding, being elected in 1863, died at his home in Chicago, January 12, 1908, at the age of 86 years. Dr. Felsenthal was the last of the American pioneer Reform Rabbis. He was born on January 2, 1822, in Muenchweiler, in the Rhenish Palatinate and received his earlier education in his native town. He decided to prepare for the Bavarian Civil Service and with this end in view attended from 1836 to 1839 the “Kreisgewerbschule,” in Kaiserlautern, and from 1839 to 1840 the Polytechnic High School in Munich. He gave up the idea of entering the service of the State and took up the study of rabbinical literature under the guidance of Rabbi Moses Cohen. Dr. Felsenthal taught in his native province until 1854, when he emigrated to America. For a few years he officiated as rabbi and teacher at Madison, Indiana, removing to Chicago in 1858, to take a position as clerk in Greenebaum’s bank. Shortly after his arrival, the “Juedischer Reform-Verein” was organized, of which Dr. Felsenthal was a leading spirit. In June, 1861, Sinai Congregation of Chicago was organized, an offshoot of the Reform-Verein, which he served as rabbi until 1864, when he resigned to become the first rabbi of Zion Congregation. He officiated until 1887 in this capacity when the congregation elected him rabbi emeritus. For the next twenty years of his life he lived in peaceful retirement. He had conferred upon him by the Chicago University in

1868, the degree of Ph. D.; in 1902, he received the degree of D. D. from the Hebrew Theological Seminary, and in 1905 the degree of D. D. from the Jewish Theological Seminary. During his long life he published many valuable contributions to Jewish literature. He was one of the pioneers of Reform Judaism and made his influence felt in the growth of that movement. Dr. Felsenthal was one of the organizers of the American Jewish Historical Society and in 1900 one of its Vice-Presidents. In 1863, Dr. Felsenthal read a paper before this Society entitled, "Israelites in Chicago."

WILLIAM LEETE STONE, 2nd, Honorary Member since 1881, died on June 11, 1908, at his home at Mt. Vernon, N. Y. He was born in New York City, April 4, 1835, the son of William Leete and Susannah Prichard (Wayland) Stone. He entered Brown University but left before graduation to spend some months in Germany in acquiring a knowledge of the German language with a view to translating into English several important military works bearing upon our Revolutionary history. Returning in 1858 he was graduated from Brown University and in 1859 took the degree of LL. B. at the Albany Law School. He practised law at Saratoga Springs during the years 1860-63; and from 1864-67 was city editor of the New York Journal of Commerce. From 1870-74 he was editor and proprietor of the College Review, a paper published in the interests of American colleges. In 1876 he was appointed by the United States Centennial Commission at Philadelphia "Centennial Historian for the State of New York." He was secretary of the Saratoga Monument Association since its incorporation, and held memberships in many of the historical and other learned societies of this country. A list of his works on historical subjects would form a bibliography by itself. Among his more important ones are: "The Life and Times of Sir William Johnson, Bart.;" "Life and Writings of Col. William L. Stone;" "History of New York City;" "The Life of Gov. George Clinton;" "Letters and Journals of Mrs. General Riedesel;" "Life and Military Journals of Major General Riedesel," and many others, in addition to numerous articles contributed to historical magazines.

LUTHER LAFLIN MILLS, an Annual Member since 1903, died at his home in Lake View on January 18, 1909. He

was born at North Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, September 3, 1848, son of Walter N. Mills and Caroline J. Smith Mills. In 1849 his parents removed to Chicago and thereafter his life was closely identified with the history of this city. He first attended school in 1853-4 at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Randolph Street. In 1861 he entered the Chicago High School, afterward known as Central High School, and in 1865 graduated as valedictorian of his class. He matriculated in the University of Michigan in the fall of 1865, but left in 1868 to assist his father in his dry-goods store in this city. He early formed the determination to study law and all his leisure time was spent in pursuing his studies in this direction. He later traveled as a special collector for Field, Leiter and Company, and even while thus employed lost no opportunity to study. He read law in the office of Homer N. Hibbard and later in that of Robert E. Jenkins. Upon his admission to the Bar in 1871 he formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Robert E. Jenkins, which terminated with the Fire. He was Secretary of the great fire meeting of October 12, 1871. In the same year he formed a partnership with E. P. Weber under the firm name of Mills and Weber, which later merged into Mills, Weber and Ingraham, George C. Ingraham entering the firm in 1874. In the fall of 1876, he was elected State's Attorney of Cook County, the youngest man who had ever held that office, being only 28 years of age. He served in this capacity for two successive terms from December, 1876, to December, 1884. Upon retiring from public office he again entered private practice, and at the time of his death was in partnership with his son Matthew Mills, with offices in the New York Life Building. Besides his practice of law, Mr. Mills carried on the avocation of an orator and the number of his speeches upon topics of national import was very large. He became recognized as one of the most brilliant attorneys and eloquent orators of his day.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR WINSTON, Annual Member since 1903, died at Pasadena, California, March 7, 1909, where he had gone in an effort to regain his health. He was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, October 27, 1856, of a distinguished southern family. Mr. Winston came to Chicago with his father while still a child and his prepara-

tory schooling was received here. He entered Yale at the early age of 16 and received his degree from there in 1877. He then went to the Columbia University Law School to fit himself to enter his father's office. In 1878 he was admitted to the Illinois Bar and became associated in the firm of F. H. and F. S. Winston. Three years later he was made Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago and so well discharged his duties in that capacity that in 1884 he was made Corporation Counsel. This office he resigned two years later to take up the practice of his father on his departure as Minister to Persia, and continued in private practice until his death. Mr. Winston was counsel for many of Chicago's largest corporations and became an authority in that branch of the law. Professional duties did not occupy Mr. Winston to the exclusion of other interests for he was a member of many societies both benevolent and social.

JOSEPH RUSSELL JONES, Annual Member since 1877, was born at Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Ohio, on February 17, 1823. At the early age of 13 years he commenced his business career as a clerk in his native town. In 1838 he came West and landed in Chicago in August of 1838, but went on to Pecatonica, Illinois, and later to Galena, where he accepted a position with Benjamin H. Campbell, finally becoming a partner in the firm. In 1846 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Galena and Minnesota Packet Company, of which he was one of the principal organizers. He served in this capacity for fifteen years. Mr. Jones moved to Chicago at the beginning of the Civil War. In 1860, he was elected a member of the Illinois General Assembly, and while at Springfield in that capacity made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, Richard Yates, David Davis and other men of national prominence. When Lincoln became President he appointed Mr. Jones to the office of United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois. He served in this position eight years when he was tendered by President Grant, whose acquaintance he had made as a young man in Galena, a place in his cabinet. He declined to accept the offer of Secretary of the Interior, but agreed to serve as Minister to Belgium, whither he went in 1869. When he returned to Chicago in 1875 he was appointed Collector of Customs for the Port of Chicago. Mr. Jones organized

the Chicago West Division Railway Company and served as its president for twenty-five years. At the time of his death he was a director and stockholder in many of Chicago's prominent business enterprises. He died at his home, 2108 Michigan Avenue, April 11, 1909.

CALEB BENJAMIN TILLINGHAST, Corresponding Member of the Society since 1880, died at his home in Boston, Massachusetts, April 28, 1909, at the age of 66 years. He was born at West Greenwich, R. I., April 3, 1843, the son of Pardon and Eunice Tillinghast, both of old New England stock. At an early age his family removed to Windham County, Connecticut, where he was educated and for some years taught school. In 1870 Mr. Tillinghast went to Boston and became first a reporter and later city editor of the Boston Journal. In 1879 he accepted the position of Acting Librarian of the Massachusetts State Library. In 1883 a change in the law made the title of his position "State Librarian," and he was appointed to that office which he held until his death. Through his ability and unwearied efforts this library became one of the best in the country and in its collection of laws is probably unique. When the Free Public Library Commission was created in 1890, Mr. Tillinghast was appointed its chairman. He was a great reader and with his discriminating literary taste he accumulated one of the finest private libraries in Boston. His services to the cause of letters were recognized by Harvard University, which conferred on him the honorary degree of A. M. in 1897, and by Tufts College, which gave him the degree of Litt. D. in 1905. He was a member of the American Historical Association, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, American Antiquarian Society, New-England Historic Genealogical Society and other organizations of a similar character.

CHARLES WESLEY MANN, an Annual Member of the Society since 1908, was born in Huntertown, Indiana, October 31, 1865. He received his early training in the public schools, later attending DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. In 1884 he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, but at the end of his third year was compelled to resign on account of a long illness following a sunstroke that rendered him unfit for military service. He then took up educational work. In 1887-88 he taught at the De Veaux Military Academy

at Niagara Falls, N. Y., from 1888-91 he was Commandant of the Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier, Ohio. At the end of this time he came to Chicago and established on the West Side a private school, the Chicago Academy, which was operated until 1896. Since that time Mr. Mann's life was very closely woven with the career of Lewis Institute, where he went as Head of the History Department in the spring of 1896, before the buildings were finished, and with which he was still identified at the time of his death. His funeral was held at the Institute, attended by the entire student body and was a touching manifestation of the high esteem in which he was held. Mr. Mann was in every sense a scholar, a man of quiet, unassuming presence, whose enormous capacity for work was a marvel to his friends. His wise counsel, growing out of years of experience, was often sought and always unstintingly given. He was the author of many monographs on historical subjects—"The Underground Railway," "Pan-American Congress," "The Attitude of the Chicago Common Council to the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850," the latter being prepared for this Society and printed in its series of Proceedings. During April, 1906, Mr. Mann gave a course of three illustrated historical lectures to children in the Society's Building, and under its auspices, entitled as follows: "The Northwest and Illinois," "County and Territory of Illinois" and "Chicago and the State of Illinois." He prepared and read before this Society last year a paper, "Fort Dearborn: Its Place in the History of the Frontier, 1804-12," which he hoped later to develop into an exhaustive work on the history of Fort Dearborn, based upon documents recently discovered at Detroit and the Kingsbury papers, lately acquired by this Society. At the time of his death he was engaged in editing for this Society the Diary of James K. Polk, and was taken ill while at work in the Society's Building. He died at his home, 1541 West Monroe Street, on May 1, 1909. Each member of the Executive Committee feels a personal sense of loss in the death of Mr. Mann. He was an ever ready and kind counselor. His death leaves a vacancy in the Society's roll of membership that can not be filled.

MRS. MARY ANN HUBBARD, an Honorary Life Member since 1907, died at her home in Chicago, July 19, 1909. She

was the widow of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard, a member of this Society almost since its foundation, being elected to membership in 1857, whose life was interwoven with almost every phase of the history of Chicago from the time of his first visit here in 1818 until his death in 1886. Born November 2, 1820, in Middleborough, Massachusetts, fourteen miles from Plymouth Rock, of Pilgrim ancestry and environment, she brought with her to the West, whither she came in her sixteenth year, New England ideals and standards of religion and education. She came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ahira Hubbard, to Chicago in 1836, making the long journey by stage, steam and canal-boat, varied by a railroad ride from Troy to Schenectady on cars drawn by horses over flat, iron rails screwed to the ties. At Buffalo they embarked on a large steamer, the first side-wheeler to navigate the Lakes. Leaving the boat at Detroit, they made the journey across Michigan to St. Joseph by private conveyances. After this long, wearisome journey they arrived in Chicago one Sunday morning, and in true New England spirit, after breakfasting at Col. Richard J. Hamilton's, some of the family went at once to church; and Monday morning found the children at school. Mrs. Hubbard's first place of residence in Chicago was the Lake House, the Auditorium of that day. Married in 1843, Mrs. Hubbard became a leader in the simple social life of the days when the Kinzies, Doles, Russells, Hamiltons, Skinners and others entertained with gracious hospitality, independent of the caterers' aid. In 1868, when Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard celebrated both their silver wedding and the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Hubbard's coming to Chicago, the guests were requested to register their names with the dates of birth and arrival in Chicago. This album is now in the possession of the Society and will serve future generations not only as a roster of Chicago's "four hundred" of that time, but as a roll of honor of those who made possible the Chicago of to-day. Mrs. Hubbard was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and deeply interested in the moral uplift of the city which was her residence for seventy-three years. Reticent by nature and training, her unostentatious charities reached out in many directions. She believed Christian teaching to be a basal factor in the assimilation of our foreign population, and gave largely to city missions, building a chapel for the

Italians, and supporting workers among them. In her earlier life woman's activities were narrowed by custom, and in later years physical infirmities kept her in bonds, but her kind heart, clear judgment and open hand will long be remembered by those she comforted. Truly, "the cause she knew not, she searched out." No one could know Mrs. Hubbard even slightly without becoming conscious of her almost masculine understanding and grasp of affairs generally, and this, with a passionate love for truth and her many other qualities, made her a monumental figure in Chicago history. Mrs. Hubbard's last visit to the Society's Rooms upon a public occasion was as guest of honor on the evening of April 16, 1907, when her gift of a bronze memorial tablet to her husband was formally unveiled. This massive tablet, the work of Julia Bracken-Wendt, bears an admirable bas-relief portrait of Gurdon S. Hubbard, with tasteful decorations emblematic of his sturdy character, his long life, and his early coming to Chicago. It is permanently installed in the upper hall of the Society's Building. Upon this occasion Mr. Henry E. Hamilton delivered as the address of the evening, a biographical sketch of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard, afterward published by the Society. Mrs. Hubbard was the last of her generation, having attained her eighty-ninth year. Her old age was a happy and useful one, a source of great pleasure to those about her. Her death takes from us one more of those whose lives link the Chicago of to-day with the frontier town of the early forties.

THOMAS BUCKLEY, Corresponding Member since 1904, died at his home in Chicago on September 10, 1909, after a long and painful illness. He was born in Cork, Ireland, June 22, 1836. When but 10 years old he emigrated with his parents to Chicago, where at the early age of 13 he secured a position in an insurance office. At the time of his death, Mr. Buckley was one of the oldest survivors of the old volunteer fire force of Chicago and sole survivor of Company No. 10. In 1850 he became a member of "Hose" Hose Company, No. 2; in 1852 he joined "Red Jacket" Engine Company, No. 1, and remained with that association about one year when he associated himself with "Washington Engine Company, No. 10, and served with it until its disbandment in 1858. He then engaged in the fire insurance business and continued in that o

until 1890, when he took up the manufacture of lightning conductors and fire-extinguishers, being himself the inventor of several fire-appliances. Mr. Buckley was Secretary of the first building association in Chicago; one of the organizers of the first fire-insurance patrol which made its appearance on October 2, 1871, just seven days before the Great Conflagration, and the first secretary and vice-president of the Home Insurance Company, which went out of existence after the Fire. He was always an active figure in the history of the Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association, being a director in 1852, an incorporator in 1863, and holding successively the offices of secretary, treasurer and vice-president during a period extending over sixteen years. Mr. Buckley possessed and retained until the end a most remarkable memory. He could narrate with most minute detail and accuracy the history of Chicago during the long period of his residence here. Of all Mr. Buckley's association in Chicago perhaps the dearest to him were the recollections of his early years as a volunteer fireman; and it was ever his zealous care to preserve the materials of history of those early organizations to which he belonged. He was a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Society and it is through his efforts that the Society is the possessor of many relics and mementos of the volunteer fire-companies of Chicago, that might otherwise have been lost to posterity, among them his own fire cape as a member of "Hope" Hose Company, No. 2.

CHARLES F. SPALDING, whose election to Annual Membership took place January 15, 1909, died at his home, 1300 Astor Street, on Monday, October 25, 1909. Mr. Spalding was born in Chicago, October 5, 1865. He was a son of Jesse Spalding, a Life Member of this Society from 1867 until his death in 1904. He attended the Harvard School in this city and later went to Exeter Academy. Upon leaving school, he went to northern Michigan, where he spent a number of years learning the practical side of the lumber business. Upon the death of his father he became president of the Spalding Lumber Company, this office he held until his death. Mr. Spalding was prominently identified with many of Chicago's leading business enterprises, being a director in the Commercial and Hibernian banks, as well as similar institutions in other places.

He was a prominent figure in the social life of Chicago, holding memberships in many of its leading clubs.

DONATIONS.

During the year just closed the Society has been the recipient of many valuable and interesting gifts. The Executive Committee desires here to give expression of its thanks to those who have contributed to its Collections. The Librarian's Report, on pages 238-302, notes the specially interesting gifts to the Library, and the List of Donors, pages 308-321, is a tabulated statement of all gifts made during the year.

The Executive Committee acknowledges with thanks the valuable services, gratuitously rendered, of MR. RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, who has aided the House Committee by his advice and assistance in many matters pertaining to repairs made upon the Building.

The following donations are of especial interest:

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT contributed seven hundred dollars to defray the expense of printing Volume 5 of the Society's Collection Series, namely, "Early Settlement of Illinois," by Arthur Clinton Boggess.

From the MISSES ELIZABETH and FREDERIKA SKINNER was received a gift of twenty-five dollars each toward the general expenses of the Society.

MR. HENRY C. LYTTON donated a life-size portrait in oil of Theodore Roosevelt, by A. Benziger, of Switzerland, which was formally presented to the Society by Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus on the evening of December 8, 1908.

The widespread enthusiasm and interest in Lincoln, aroused by the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of his Birth, has found permanent expression in the Society's Collections by the many gifts made during this, the Centennial Year. Among them some of the more important are as follows:

MR. JOSEPH HARRIS, a member of the Society, presented a heroic sized head of Abraham Lincoln in bronze

by Gutzon Borglum, the same being a replica of the marble recently accepted by Congress for the Capitol.

From SPAULDING and COMPANY, through the President, MR. CHARLES F. GREENE, was received a magnificent bronze tablet, mounted on black marble, bearing the text of the Gettysburg Address, and a medallion in bas-relief of Abraham Lincoln, the work of B. V. Brenner.

DR. B. J. CIGRAND, on behalf of THE COMMITTEE of ONE HUNDRED, presented to the Society the Gettysburg Address cast in copper, being the same in design as the ones placed in the public schools of the city in commemoration of the Lincoln Centennial.

From MR. ERSKINE M. PHELPS was received a large framed engraving, entitled, "The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation Before the Cabinet," by A. H. Ritchie, New York, 1866, after the painting by F. B. Carpenter.

From the sculptor, MR. CHARLES FLETCHER BATCHELDER, through MR. TAGNEY, of the Daily News, was received a plaster cast of the head of Abraham Lincoln.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT presented several interesting items of Lincolniana, among them a rare lithograph, entitled, "The Death-Bed of the Martyr President Abraham Lincoln, Washington, Saturday Morning, April 15, 1865, at 22 Minutes Past 7 O'clock;" a transparency on glass of "Lincoln and His Cabinet;" Prang's oil chromo of Eastman Johnson's painting, "Boyhood of Lincoln;" "Lincoln and His Family," engraved by Wm. Sartain in 1866, after a painting by W. B. Waugh; a silver medallion of Abraham Lincoln made in 1865, and a contemporary engraving of Lincoln by John Sartain, published by R. R. Landon, at 88 Lake Street, Chicago.

From MR. ROBERT E. HILLS was received a bas-relief portrait of Abraham Lincoln in copper.

MR. GEORGE MERRYWEATHER presented an interesting addition to the Society's collection of Lincoln portraits, a remarque proof of the etching by W. H. W. Bicknell

issued exclusively to members of the Bibliophile Society. This is mounted in a portfolio with a cancelled proof, showing the process of the work. The etching is after the photograph made at Springfield, in 1860.

MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR. made many interesting contributions of Lincolniana, among them the following: a memorial medal engraved by H. Bouvet of Paris, designer of the coins of Switzerland, bearing on the obverse the head of Lincoln in profile, and on the reverse, "Martyr to Liberty," with the legend, "Abraham Lincoln 15th April 1865;" a large framed lithograph published by Kurz and Allison, Chicago; a framed reproduction of the crayon of Lincoln by Z. DeComp; a lithograph, "President Lincoln at Home, Reading the Scriptures to His Wife and Son," published by Currier and Ives, New York, 1865; a facsimile of the copy of the Gettysburg Speech that was made by President Lincoln for the Soldiers and Sailors Fair at Baltimore; eight half-tones of statues and busts of Lincoln framed together; the menu of the banquet given on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Lincoln by the Lincoln Centennial Association at the Illinois State Armory, Springfield, February 12, 1909; also a collection of Lincoln Centennial souvenirs consisting of post-cards and handsomely illuminated copies of the famous utterances of Lincoln.

MR. ALBERT RABE presented a framed artist's proof on parchment of the beautiful etching by Henry Taylor, Jr., of the Hesler photograph of Lincoln.

From MR. LEWIS G. MULLER were received two art-tones of the bronze of Lincoln done by Pickett in 1878, as well as many other copies of the same which were used as souvenirs of the Centennial.

MR. WILLIAM WEBSTER ELLSWORTH, of the Century Company, presented twenty-four facsimile portraits of Lincoln, nicely mounted, such as were used as illustrations in the February number of *The Century*.

From MRS. ELEANOR ATKINSON the Society received several views of the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and its surroundings, being the originals of the illustrations in

Mrs. Atkinson's "Lincoln's Boyhood," recently published; also a large photograph of the Borglum head of Lincoln.

MR. ANTON BENNER, of Charleston, Ill., presented several interesting scenes in and about Charleston associated with the life of Lincoln, among them pictures of his father's grave.

JUDGE LAMBERT TREE presented a small colored picture of Lincoln representing him as he appeared about the time of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates.

From MR. FRANK W. MUNSON was received a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair with the letter that accompanied it when it was presented to him by Mrs. C. M. Smith, sister of Mrs. Lincoln.

MISS HELEN LESLIE CARTER presented a small photograph of Tad Lincoln that Tad himself gave to her brother, Mr. Leslie Carter, in 1865.

From MESSRS. ALLAN and W. A. PINKERTON was received an enlarged photograph of Abraham Lincoln, Gen. John A. McClelland and Allan Pinkerton on the Battlefield at Antietam, September, 1862.

MR. RICHARD E. SCHMIDT gave a copy of an original photograph in his possession showing a crowd of people assembled in front of the Lincoln home in Springfield, Lincoln himself forming the center of a group on the front porch, and a procession passing in the street. This is probably a portion of the procession of August 8, 1860.

MR. THOMAS A. HAGERTY presented a card de visite photograph of Lincoln and a copper medal, souvenir of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair, Chicago, Ill., 1865, bearing in bas-relief the head of Lincoln and on the reverse—"Memoria Abraham Lincoln."

MISS CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE presented photographs of bronze busts of Lincoln by Westbury and John G. Prasuhn, of De Kalb, Ill.; also a copy of Judd Stewart's Lincoln book-plate.

From BERRY BROTHERS, of Detroit, Mich., were received a copy of the handsome portrait of Lincoln, by Brown and Bigelow, of St. Paul, and a facsimile copy of Lincoln's

letter of condolence to Mrs. Bixby who lost five sons in the Civil War. It is a tribute to Lincoln well worth noting that an engrossed copy of this letter hangs on the walls of Brasenose College, Oxford University, England, as a specimen of the purest English and most elegant diction extant. It is said that as a model of expressive English it has rarely if ever been surpassed. In addition to these BERRY BROTHERS contributed several articles issued by them as souvenirs of the Centennial.

MR. CHARLES W. MANN presented a print from an original negative of Lincoln in the Boston Public Library, taken in 1865, and a contemporary lithograph, entitled, "Assassination of President Lincoln, Ford's Theatre, Washington, April 14, 1865."

From MR. GUY GUERNSEY was received a photograph of the Cook County Court-House and surroundings, taken at the time when Lincoln's remains lay in state.

MR. J. SEYMOUR CURREY presented lithographic copies of "Lincoln in 1861," from the painting by Ferris, and "Lincoln and the Contrabands," a Centennial calendar.

MR. MARIUS E. DAHL presented three items of Lincolniana as follows: "The Hand of Lincoln," "Grant Receiving His Commission as Lieutenant General from President Lincoln," and a copy of the last photograph of Lincoln.

From MR. E. F. HOYT, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., through MR. FRANK E. STEVENS, was received an exquisite daguerreotype of Sarah Fisk Douglas (later Mrs. Gehazi Granger) mother of Stephen A. Douglas. The resemblance of Douglas to his mother as appears in this picture is very remarkable.

From MR. CHARLES W. MANN were received two interesting prints: A caricature of Jefferson Davis—"The Last Ditch of Chivalry, or a President in Petticoats," showing him about to be captured dressed in women's clothes; "The Fall of Richmond, Va., on the Night of April 2d, 1865."

MESSRS. HULBERT and DORSEY, through MR. HENRY FOSTER, presented an old wooden water pipe and sleeve con-

nection found in excavating for the new Northwestern Depot in the alley of the old Gault House. An iron sleeve connection dug up on Randolph Street, near Wabash Avenue, and showing a later method used in Chicago was presented by MR. PHILIP C. SCHUPP.

From MR. J. MAHLON BARNES were received photographs of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the Socialist ticket in the campaign of 1908, also several campaign buttons and badges.

MR. MAX SCHROETER presented a large photograph of the bronze tablet made by him for the Green Bay Historical Society, which was unveiled August 10, 1909. This tablet designates the site of Fort Howard occupied by the United States troops from 1816 till 1862; also the site of the French Fort St. Francois, built prior to 1718, and rebuilt by the British in 1761 as Fort Edward Augustus.

MR. JOHN TURNER LONG, of Los Angeles, supplemented the large collection presented by him last year by the addition of a pencil sketch of the town of Kaskaskia, accompanied by a plat locating the various buildings standing in 1890, when Mr. Long went with Mr. E. G. Mason on a trip to old historic sites of Illinois.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT has during the past year, as in former ones, been lavish in his gifts to the Society. Attention is called to the Librarian's Report in which are mentioned his gifts of rare and valuable books to the Library. Dr. Schmidt has purchased and presented the following: A silver brooch of French workmanship and other ornaments taken from the skeleton of an Indian exhumed from a mound in the vicinity of the Des Plaines River in Will County, Illinois (these supplement a large collection from the same locality presented last year by Dr. Schmidt); an old clock which bears the label on the inside of the case as follows: "Manufactured and sold by E. Thorp and Co., Upper Alton, Ill.," with full directions how to run it and the statement, "Warranted if well used." The latter was entirely within the truth as the clock is in running condition to-day after nearly eighty years of usage. A valuable instrument to the Society in connection with its large collection of stereoscopic views, is a stereoscope made in the

form of a box and capable of holding one hundred and fifty views. This Dr. Schmidt purchased for the Society.

MR. CLARENCE A. BURLEY presented plans of the present building of the Chicago Historical Society, found among his father's papers.

From MR. C. W. DUNKLEY, through MR. GEORGE H. FERGUS, an item of interest was received: "Gentleman's Season Ticket Great Northwestern Fair," 1865.

MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., has added to the Society's collection of campaign material which he instituted by the presentation of his own large collection some few years ago, and to which he has been the principal contributor, by the addition of several pieces, among them a Grant and Colfax Presidential Ticket of 1868; a 16th Ward National Union Republican Ticket, and Democratic and Independent Ticket, both of 1870, upon the former appear the names of John N. Jewett, for Senator; Augustus H. Burley and William Vocke, for Representatives; Charles B. Farwell, for Congress; and on the latter, John Wentworth, for Representative; all members of this Society; a medallion of President and Mrs. Cleveland, 1887, and medals issued during the campaigns of John Bell and Andrew Johnson. Mr. Kerfoot has generously contributed to the Society's collections along other lines, some of his gifts during the year being as follows: A framed engraving by A. B. Walter of General Grant and his Family, a copy of the painting by E. B. Bensell and published by John Dainty, of Philadelphia; a stereoscopic interior view of the Inter-State Exposition, Chicago, 1877. To the Society's collection of pictures of early Lake View residences, he has contributed a photograph of the William Kanke House, which was built in 1865 at the corner of North Clark and Wellington Streets. Mr. Kerfoot also presented a poster of the Adelphi Theatre of September 25, 1876, a great contrast to the theatrical advertisements of to-day.

From the KRUG WRECKING COMPANY, through MR. JOSEPH ROSENTHAL, was received a wooden mantel taken from the home of Henry Graves, who at the time of his death in October, 1907, had been a continuous resident of Chicago for seventy-six years, having arrived here July 20, 1831, when but ten years of age. His home at 3254

Graves Place, from which this interesting relic was taken just prior to its demolition in May, 1909, was built in 1845 near the present 33d Street and was near what was known as "The Cottage," from which Cottage Grove Avenue is said to have later taken its name. In the 50's it was removed about fifty feet west of its original site to 33d Street and Graves Place.

MR. FRANK W. SMITH presented the Society with two photographs, one a copy of an early ambrotype of the Graves Home as it originally stood at 33d street, between Cottage Grove Avenue and Graves Place, showing the quaint old white board fence around it; and a picture of the road house, known as "The Cottage," as it stood in the early days on Cottage Grove Avenue near 32d Street.

THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS presented two photographs of the Henry Graves home taken just before it was torn down.

From MR. HORACE G. LUNT, of Colorado Springs, was received a photograph of the ruins of the Chicago Court-House after the Great Fire.

MR. DAVID BRUCKHEIMER presented several mementos of the different national conventions held in Chicago.

From MISS JANET MCKAY COWING, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., were received four stereoscopic views of Chicago Fire ruins, 1871.

From MR. THOMAS BUCKLEY was received a framed portrait, copied from an ivory miniature, of A. V. Knickerbocker, Government Agent at Chicago. Mr. Knickerbocker was the man who suggested the firing of guns as alarm of fire, before even the bucket brigade was formed in Chicago. This was the first system of fire alarms in the town and hence the very beginning, or forerunner of the Fire Department. The merchants notified by the gun, ran to the fire and saved what they could, forming themselves into a company for that purpose in 1832.

MR. GUY GUERNSEY presented a flint nodule about 10 inches in diameter, found by the donor in July on the site of the ancient town of LaVantum, just below the present site of Utica, Ill. Mr. Guernsey writes that this is the

largest flint he has ever seen and that the portions chipped off it were doubtless used by the Indians in making arrow heads.

From MR. F. BORN was received a piece of petrified wood which he found while digging a post hole at about three feet below the surface on his property at 26 Starr Street.

MR. E. J. PARKER, a Corresponding Member, presented a set of six photographs of the monument erected to the memory of George Rogers Clark at Quincy, Ill., showing the scenes of its unveiling, May 22, 1909, which was held under the auspices of the Quincy Historical Society.

From MR. CHARLES REYMERSHOFFER, of Galveston, Texas, was received a large photogravure of Carl Weimar's celebrated Indiana painting entitled, "The Buffalo Hunt."

From MR. GEORGE H. FERGUS was received a copy of a photograph of Joseph Crewes Barclay (now living in Louisville, Ky.) and Edwin Morton Coates (now living in Philadelphia, Pa., Brig. Gen., U. S. A., retired), both members of the United States Zouave Cadets, Governor's Guards of Illinois, commanded by Col. Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth, taken while on their tour through the eastern cities, leaving Chicago, July 3, and returning Aug. 14, 1860, as Military Champions of America. The donor is one of the few surviving members who made that memorable trip.

MR. JAMES J. WILSON presented two excellent photographs of the old Lake View House, which was erected by Jas. H. Rees and Elisha E. Huntley in 1854, on the Lake Shore at the foot of Grace Street, and at the present corner of Grace Street and Sheridan Road.

From the FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY the Society received a model of the Caravel "Santa Maria," the flag-ship of Columbus, enclosed in a glass case. This is accompanied by two framed inscriptions; one reads, "This miniature Santa Maria was built by Mr. Simon Strauss, of Belleville, Ill. The only material used in its construction is wood that was taken from every building, bridge, pier, column, fence and other structures or

Their championship banner is in the vault of the Chicago Historical Society.

World's Columbian Fair Grounds, and was collected under the supervision of the authorities who furnished also the designs for the building of the relic." The other inscription gives a list of structures from which the model was made.

From MR. J. B. OAKLEAF, of Moline, Ill., was received an album of photographic views in the vicinity of Black Hawk's Watch Tower, Rock Island County, Illinois.

From MR. T. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY was received a photographic plate illustrating the first practical stage of color photography, which is of particular interest as it is to a Chicagoan that the credit is due for the development of this stage of the art.

MR. F. A. WINCHELL, of New York City, through MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., presented an interesting relic of the Great Fire, a coarse muslin badge with the word "Police" printed on it. In a letter accompanying the badge, Mr. Winchell writes, "This badge was issued to me October 10, 1871, at the First Congregational Church, Chicago, as a special police officer and was worn by me during the week succeeding the Chicago Fire and has been in my possession continuously ever since."

From MRS. W. W. STRONG was received an old iron safe, a relic of the Chicago Fire.

MR. HJALMAR R. HOLAND presented two photographs of the ancient runic stone, found in Minnesota a few years ago, which is believed by many to be positive proof that the Norsemen visited this part of the country as early as 1362.

From MRS. P. H. RETZER, of Kansas City, Mo., was received a hand-made grater of crude design, found in a log cabin near St. Joseph, Michigan.

MR. A. G. WOODBURY, of Danville, Ill., presented several views of historical sites in the vicinity of Danville.

From the CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY were received six medals issued by that Society to its members, one to the original members and founders, and one for each year from 1904-1908 inclusive.

MRS. JULIA PRATT HUNTINGTON gave through MRS. H. H. HAYES, a Corresponding Member, a photograph of

Mrs. Sarah Marshall Hayden, the first woman novelist of Illinois.

MRS. E. S. CHESBOROUGH, through Mr. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., presented a commutation ticket on the old North Chicago City Railway Dummy.

From MR. MARTIN CONRAD was received a medal of the Illinois State Fair, 1908.

MR. JULIUS FRANKEL presented an 8x10 camera, and appliances to accompany the same, made by the Rochester Camera Company. This will doubtless prove a very valuable accession to the Society and its patrons, for the number of requests for copies of illustrations and pictures belonging to the Society's Collections is constantly increasing, and the fact that none of its possessions are ever permitted to leave the Society's Building often causes inconvenience and delays which may now be obviated.

MR. THOMAS A. HAGERTY, through Mr. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., presented many interesting items to the Society's Collections, among them the following: two engraved plats of the Battle of Lake Erie with a key to same; bullets picked up on the Battle-field of Gettysburg, and a ramrod found on that same battle-ground on the first day of the encounter, and a United States military belt buckle, such as was used prior to the Civil War. In addition to these he presented several campaign badges and buttons and a number of interesting souvenirs of the World's Columbian Exposition.

Through the efforts of MR. JOHN W. FOSTER, the Society has a collection of photographs of early residences of Lake View. During the past year Mr. Foster has supplemented these by the addition of about twenty-five pictures among them the following: "Dawn," the home of Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, and later that of Luther Laffin Mills, at the corner of Clarendon and Graceland Avenues; the beautiful home of J. B. Waller, "Buena," which stood in a large plot of ground on the corner of Buena and Evanston Avenues, now encroached upon on all sides by large apartment buildings; the Judge Henry Peck home on North Clark Street near Fullerton; and the old homesteads of Edward McConnell, S. B. Chase, Edward Foster, James Payne, John Nash, R. T. Childs, D. Childs, Horatio G. Spafford and several others back to the time when Lake View was a vill

Chicago. The other landmarks of interest of which Mr. Foster has contributed pictures are the old Lake View Town Hall, Sunny Side Tavern, now abandoned, and the old Kransz tavern, still standing at the corner of North Clark Street and Ridge Road.

MRS. OLIVER B. GREEN presented a large framed photograph, entitled, "Chicago as Seen After the Great Conflagration."

From MR. CHARLES H. CONOVER was received the Nullification Proclamation of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, December 10, 1832, handsomely printed on white satin, and suitably framed.

DR. N. S. DAVIS presented photographs of Henry Smith and Phoebe Smith, his wife, both early residents of Chicago.

MR. W. I. COLLINS presented a large lithographic "View of the Tremont House," published by E. Whitefield and Rufus Blanchard, Chicago, 1861; also a number of lithographs of Chicago just after the Fire.

From MR. A. W. WATRISS were received a number of interesting photographs taken by the donor, among them pictures of the Indian Trail Trees of the North Shore, the Black Hawk Council Tree at Glencoe, the Fort Dearborn Massacre Monument and the Marquette Monument at Summit, Illinois.

From the Estate of MRS. MARY ANN HUBBARD were received a number of stereoscopic views of Chicago Fire Ruins.

PUBLICATIONS.

During the fiscal year just closed the Society has been active in this branch of endeavor and through the generosity of one of its members, Dr. O. L. Schmidt, has brought out a volume of probably more importance to history than any publication the Society has issued since 1890; namely, Volume 5 of the Society's Collection Series.

The Executive Committee has caused to be printed during the year the following:

"Year-Book of the Society, 1908," with a Report of the Annual Meeting held November 17, 1908.

"Chicago Historical Society Collection—Vol. V. Settlement of Illinois, 1788-1830," by Arthur Clinton Boggess, described as *in press* in last year's Annual Report, was distributed to members and the Society's list of exchanges during the past year. This volume has received very favorable comment in some of the leading historical journals of the country.

In commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln, an address delivered by Paul Selby before the Society in 1906, entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: The Evolution of His Emancipation Policy," was published. An extra large edition of this paper, consisting of 1500 copies, was issued; 500 were distributed among the Society's guests on the evening of February 12, 1909.

"The Masters of the Wilderness: A Study of the Hudson's Bay Company from Its Origin to Modern Times," a paper read before the Society March 16, 1909, by Charles B. Reed, M.D., has just been received from the printer as this report goes to press, and will be in the hands of the members within a few days.

It will be recalled that the Diary and Correspondence of President Polk were acquired by the Society some few years ago. Professor Charles W. Mann of Lewis Institute, in whose death the Society has suffered a severe loss, was engaged in preparing and editing these papers for publication by A. C. McClurg & Company. Mr. M. M. Quaife, who has made a deep study of the life and times of James K. Polk, has taken up the work where Professor Mann left it and, following the outlines left by him, is now engaged in annotating and editing these documents. In the Librarian's Report, on pages 245-246, is an extended notice of this prospective publication.

The Executive Committee feels warranted in congratulating the Members on the condition of the Society and the progress of its work as shown by the Annual Reports. It also is glad to publicly acknowledge the zeal and industry of the Society's employés during the year. The position of Secretary still remains vacant, but the duties are being so effectively performed by the Librarian and the Record

Clerk and Accountant that the Executive Committee feels warranted in continuing the vacancy until such time as it can be filled to their entire satisfaction and to the unquestionable advantage of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

For the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On motion of MR. FISHER, seconded by MR. SEIPP, the report of the Executive Committee was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

MR. BURLEY, of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, then presented and read the Report of the Gilpin Trustees, which is as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

NOVEMBER 1, 1908, to OCTOBER 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

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| Certificate of deposit on hand November 1, 1908..... | | \$ 406.12 |
| 3½ % bonds matured..... | | 3,500.00 |
| Interest on \$22,500 3½ % bonds, 1 year.. | \$ 787.50 | |
| Interest on \$43,500 4 % bonds, 1 year... | 1,740.00 | |
| Interest on \$1,000 4 % bonds, 6 months. | 20.00 | |
| Interest on certificates of deposit..... | 34.48 | 2,581.98 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,488.10 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Paid \$1,000 4 % city bond (No. 2379), due Jan. 1, 1928, at 102¾..... | \$1,027.50 | |
| Paid accrued interest on same..... | 1.11 | |
| Paid \$3,000 4 % city bonds (Nos. 830, 831, 464), due Jan. 1, 1921, at 100.92 | 3,027.60 | |
| Paid safety vault box rent..... | 10.00 | |
| Paid Chicago Historical Society, annual appropriation | 2,100.00 | |
| Paid Chicago Historical Society, repairs on library iron work and windows. | 121.90 | 6,288.11 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Certificate of deposit in safety vault box | | \$ 199.99 |

STATEMENT OF GILPIN FUND.

SECURITIES.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Chicago city 3½ % bonds, par value..... | \$19,000.00 |
| Chicago city 4 % bonds, par value..... | 47,500.00 |
| Certificate of deposit | 199.99 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$66,699.99 |
| Amount received from estate of Henry D. Gilpin, deceased | 64,314.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| Surplus | \$ 2,385.65 |
| Chicago, November 1, 1909. | |

EUGENE H. FISHBURN,
CLARENCE A. BURLEY,
WALTER L. FISHER,
ERSKINE M. PHELPS,

Trustees.

On motion of MR. GUNTHER, seconded by COLONEL REND, the Report was referred to the Executive Committee.

In the absence of MR. ORSON SMITH, Treasurer of the Society, the Secretary of the Meeting read the Treasurer's Report and the Report of the Auditing Committee, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand November 1st, 1908 | | \$ 5,458.18 |
| Deposits by Secretary | \$ 4,359.11 | |
| Deposits by Trustees Gilpin Fund... | 2,221.90 | |
| Interest on Commonwealth Electric Company bonds..... | 400.00 | |
| Interest on People's Gas Company bonds | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé bonds | 240.00 | |
| Interest on South Side Elevated Railway bonds | 180.00 | |
| Interest on Metropolitan Elevated Railway bonds | 40.00 | |
| Interest on Chicago City Railway bonds | 150.00 | |
| Interest on City of Mobile bonds.... | 90.00 | |
| Interest on bank account..... | 34.60 | 8,115.61 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$13,573.79 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Vouchers issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President.. | \$10,479.50 | |
| Balance on hand October 31st, 1909 | 3,094.29 | \$13,573.79 |
| | | <hr/> |

The above balance is made up as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Philo Carpenter Fund..... | \$ 126.81 |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund. | 106.14 |
| Lucretia Pond Fund..... | 1,007.13 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund... | 832.80 |
| General Fund | 1,021.41 |
| | <hr/> |

\$3,094.29

The following securities are held in safe deposit box of the Society :

POND FUND.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Four (4) South Side Elevated Ry. bonds, each | \$1,000 | \$4,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bond | 500 | 500 |
| Eight (8) People's Gas Light & Coke Co. bonds, each | 1,000 | 8,000 |
| One (1) Metropolitan Elevated R. R. bond. | 1,000 | 1,000 |

STICKNEY FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bonds, each | 1,000 | 5,000 |
|---|-------|-------|

CARPENTER FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|---|-------|-------|

JACKSON FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|---|-------|-------|

GARRETT FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|---|-------|-------|

WATKINS FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Commonwealth Electric Company bonds, each | 1,000 | 5,000 |
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TILTON FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Three (3) Chicago City Railway bonds, each | 1,000 | 3,000 |
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WILLING FUND.

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Two (2) City of Mobile, Alabama, bonds, each | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bond | 500 | 500 |

Respectfully submitted,

ORSON SMITH,
Treasurer.

(The Report of the Auditing Committee appears following the digest of the Trial Balance in the Executive Committee's Report, on Page 205.)

On motion of MR. DENT, seconded by MR. SEIPP, the Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee were referred to the Executive Committee.

The Librarian then presented her Report for the year and read from it several extracts touching upon particularly interesting features of the Society's work.

The Report is as follows:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

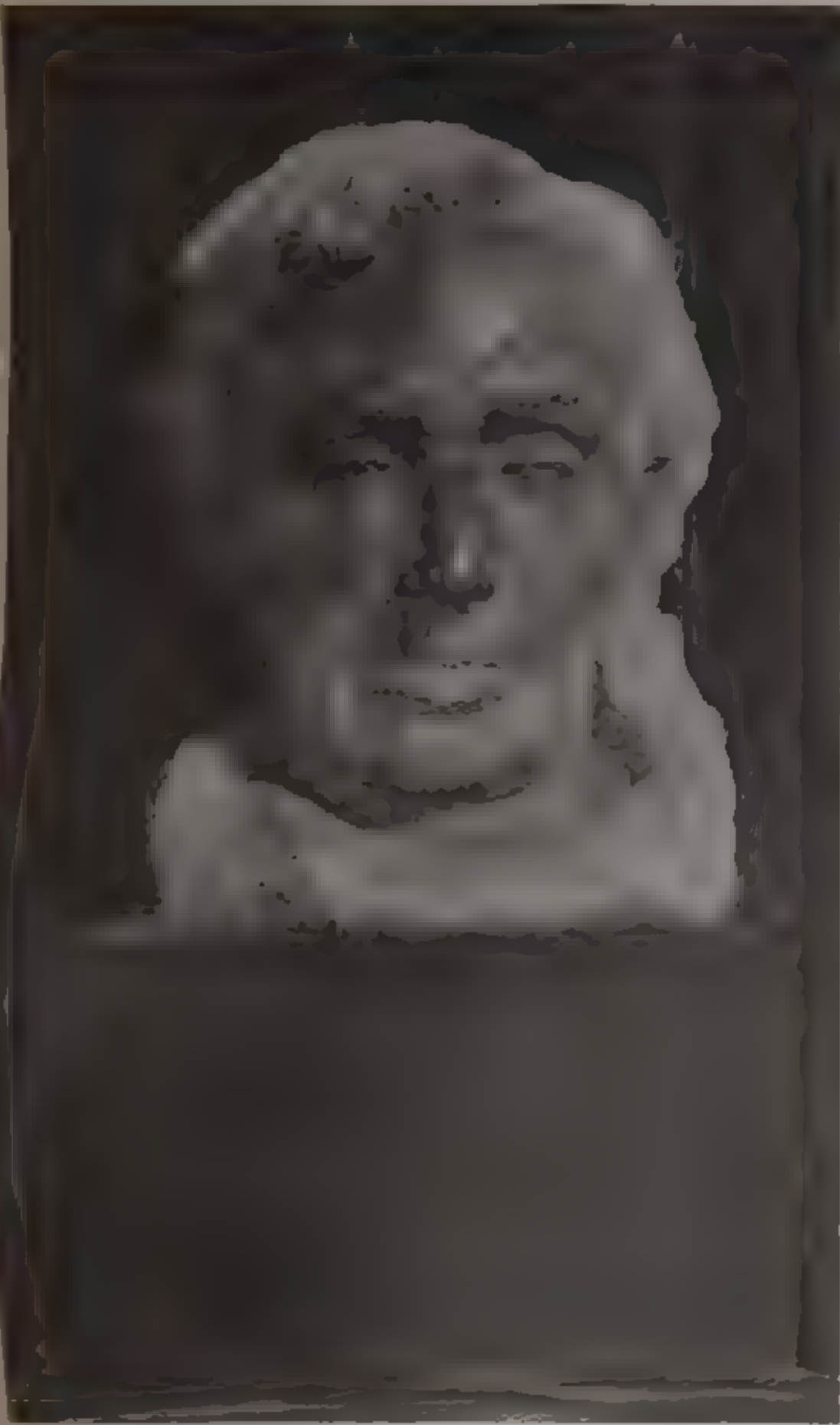
To the Executive Committee of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending October 31, 1900.

The Lincoln Centennial.—

The year just closed has writt itself large on the records of the Historical Society as the LINCOLN CENTENNIAL YEAR, for it is literally true that in reviewing the minutes of daily happenings scarce a page is found which does not chronicle gifts of Lincolniana, the visits of aged contemporaries of Lincoln, or the gathering of fresh data relative to that life which had its earthly beginning in February, 1809, but which enjoys perennial youth.

Early in 1898 Mr. Franklin H. Head, Mr. C. F. Gunther and Mr. S. H. Kirtland, Jr., were appointed a Special Committee on the Lincoln Centenary. After earnest deliberation it was decided that if it were possible to assemble in the Society's Building a great collection of Lincolniana to be thrown open to the public, especially to the school children, no more impressive commemoration could be had. At this point the Com-



LINCOLN
BRONZE
BY GILTON HORTON
THE GIFT OF MR. JOSEPH HARRIS

(Pages 22, 242, etc.)

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mittee was painfully conscious of the loss of the document which, of all others, would have been the most fitting nucleus of such a collection, namely, Lincoln's original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation,* which with 100,000 volumes and manuscripts, the results of the Society's labors since its organization in 1856, perished in the Great Fire. As the plans of the Committee matured members of the Society who are especially devoted to the memory of Lincoln, as if to compensate for the loss of the Proclamation, began to rally loyally to its assistance with offers of gifts and loans from their personal collections.

The success of the exhibition was assured when, at the solicitation of Hon. Lambert Tree, Mr. Robert T. Lincoln very cordially promised to loan such documents from the papers of his father as the Librarian should select. A catalogue of them will be found under the heading "Special Exhibits," but a mere list of these precious papers can only faintly suggest their educational value to young America to-day. No one who was present during the Lincoln week, and watched the faces of school children grouped about this and other cases of exhibits, listening with eyes made bright by unshed tears while some grey-haired man or woman explained to them the significance of the First Inaugural, or of the Gettysburg Address, or recalled personal memories connected with Lincoln, can doubt that the original letters and documents traced by the hand of the most beloved president exert so powerful an influence—make for so genuine a culture, good citizenship and patriotism,

*At the solicitation of Hon. Isaac N. Arnold this document had been relinquished by President Lincoln to the Ladies of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair to be sold for the benefit of the invalided soldiers. It was purchased by Hon. Thomas B. Bryan for the sum of three thousand dollars and deposited, as stipulated in Mr. Arnold's request, "in the fire-proof Building of the Historical Society." (See *Memorial of Colonel Samuel Stone*, by Mrs. William Barry, C. H. S. 1878, for an account of S's desperate efforts to save this document.) Mr. Lincoln, Rev. William Barry, and the three above mentioned gentlemen were members of the Society.

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that they are a necessary supplement to the work of the schools. And is it not at this point that the true function of an historical society becomes apparent—namely to gather and to conserve, in their original form, the *monumenta historica* which are the bases of inspiration for the workers of all time.

Mr. William F. Dummer, a son of Judge H. E. Dummer, of Jacksonville, Ill., at the request of the Librarian consented to loan an exceedingly interesting series of letters from Lincoln to his father. The Society was especially indebted to Mr. Dummer for having the collection mounted between glass and framed so that all of the pages of the letters could be examined. With these letters, which deal with political and legal matters, was a photographic facsimile of one written to a young man who desired to read law with Lincoln, which so emphasizes the value of the Lincoln ideal in every line that it is given in full below, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Dummer had suggested that this letter be not exhibited on account of its reference to his father.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov'r 5, 1855.

ISHAM REAVIS, ESQ.

MY DEAR SIR:

I have just reached home, and found your letter of the 23rd ult. I am from home too much of my time, for a young man to read law with me advantageously. If you are resolutely determined to make a lawyer of yourself, the thing is more than half done already. It is but a small matter whether you read *with* any body or not. I did not read with any one. Get the books, and read and study *them* till you understand them in their principal features; and that is the main thing. It is of no consequence to be in a large town while you are reading. I read at New Salem, which never had three hundred people living in it. The *books*, and your *capacity* for understanding them, are just the same in all places. Mr. Dummer is a very clever man and an excellent lawyer (much better than I, in law-learning); and I have no doubt he will cheerfully tell you what books to read, and loan you the books.

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Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed, is more important than any other one thing.

Very truly your friend,

[Signed] A. LINCOLN.

The educational value of such exhibits cannot be over-estimated.

Mr. C. F. Gunther contributed lavishly from his great collection of Lincoln relics. Of all the objects shown by him none attracted more affectionate attention than the high hat and generous umbrella with which the President is said to have traveled from Springfield to Washington to be inaugurated. These have all of the appearance of having previously traveled the Illinois circuit with him for many seasons. A series of large photographs showing the progress of the Lincoln funeral cortége through Chicago to Springfield was of very great interest.

In response to a letter from the Librarian requesting the loan of the muster rolls of Lincoln's company in the Black Hawk War, one of which is entirely in Lincoln's writing, Mr. Frank E. Stevens writes:

SYCAMORE, ILL., Jan. 27, 1909.

MY DEAR MISS MCILVAINE:

Your letter 26th received. The next time I am in, I'll bring the papers for the Lincoln exhibit. There is but one institution to which I would permit the Lincoln muster roll to go out of my hands and that is the Chicago Historical Society. . . . It is the most highly prized document I have in my library. While I live the pleasures of ownership are so very great that I shall keep it; but when the time comes when I must part with my books and papers it is my expectation to turn it over to the Chicago Historical Society as a token of my esteem. . . .

Yours faithfully,

[Signed] FRANK E. STEVENS.

The company of which Lincoln was captain was mustered into service at Beardstown, Ill., on the 28th of April, 1832, by Col. John J. Hardin, Inspector and

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Mustering Officer, who countersigns the roll. Through the kindness of his son, General Martin D. Hardin, the Society was able to exhibit an oil portrait of Col. Hardin in the uniform of a United States mustering officer of 1832. Col. Hardin defeated Lincoln for Congress in 1843. He was killed at the battle of Buena Vista.

The courtesy of the Trustees of the Newberry Library in loaning to the Society the portrait of Lincoln by G. P. A. Healy, Chicago's most famous artist, was gratefully appreciated. This portrait was painted from sketches of the President made at City Point in 1861.

The sincere thanks of the Society are due to Mr. J. B. Oakleaf of Moline, Ill., a corresponding member, for sending a case of Lincoln books selected from the choicest treasures his great collection contains; to Mrs. Mary Swing Ricker for loaning the silver goblet and napkin ring once the property of Lincoln, and given by Mrs. Lincoln to the late David Swing; to Mrs. Eunice Bent for the loan of a "Fulton County Wide Awake Banner," made by Seely & Bent, of Fulton, Ill., and presented by Mr. Bent to Captain Dyer, her father, the organizer of the "Fulton County Wide Awakes," a Republican Marching Club of 1860; and to Mrs. Flora Benze McClaughry for loaning an invitation written by Mr. Lincoln on behalf of himself and Mrs. Lincoln to Adolph F. C. Muller, a Representative from Cook Co., 1856-7, asking him to an evening company.

The catalogue of the Lincoln Centennial Exhibit, which will be found under the heading "Special Exhibits," on pages 247-260, and the list of Lincoln books donated, on pages 283-288, together with the addresses on Lincoln delivered before the Society and the gifts mentioned in the Executive Committee's Report, pages 221-232, will convey some idea of the spirit of generosity that characterized the relations of the Society and the public during the Centennial year, and which perhaps found its most emphatic expression in the noble gift of the Gutzon Borglum head of Lincoln by Mr. Joseph Harris, a mem-

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ber of the Society. This heroic bronze, mounted on a temporary pedestal in the center of the main hall of the Society's building, was the most prominent and most admired feature of the exhibit, its bold outlines being the first object to greet the eyes of the guests as they entered, and it was notable that few took their departure without a backward glance at the rugged but serene face which seemed to preside over the scene. One of those who studied this portrait with keenest interest was the Hon. James Bryce, who visited the exhibit as the guest of Mr. Robert T. Lincoln. It will interest those who have studied the multitude of Lincoln portraits to know that Mr. Lincoln pronounced the Borglum head a wonderful likeness of his father.

At the close of the Exhibit the Society found itself possessed of so large a number of framed portraits of Lincoln, mainly contemporary engravings, that it was forced to store them, there being no wall space available for their display. Yet any city or society would covet as a perpetual inspiration just the spirit and quality of interest aroused by the Lincoln motif, and it is possible that this Society could do nothing of greater value for this and coming generations than to bend every energy to the end that it may some day be made the permanent repository not only of the portraits but of all of these loaned documents, which are in truth Lincoln's most fitting monument.

Thus far no need seems to have been felt for a permanent memorial of the first Lincoln Centenary in Chicago, probably because we already have one St. Gaudens statue and are soon to have another. Twenty-two of the forty thousand dollars collected for the celebration is said to have been returned to the subscribers, therefore there is some reason to believe that, if the Chicago Historical Society were to dedicate the unoccupied portion of its property to the purpose of a Lincoln memorial, Chicago people generally would esteem it a privilege to co-operate with the members of the Society in erecting thereon a building which would provide a home for the now scattered Lincoln collections, as well as provide for the expansion of the general collections, and thus give permanent expression to some measure of the pride and gratitude which the people of the Central West feel because the life of Lincoln was lived among them.

Publications—

With a volume entitled *The Settlement of Illinois, 1778-1834*, by Arthur Clinton Boggess, Professor of History and Political Science in Pacific University, Oregon, the Society resumes the publication of its Collection series after a lapse of almost twenty years. The new volume is a monograph of 267 pages, on the pioneer institutions and political evolution of Illinois through the various stages of development common to frontiers—in this case successively Indian country, a county of Virginia, a dependency of Indiana Territory, an independent territory, a sovereign state. The book, which is illustrated with numerous maps and charts, has been commended by the *American Historical Review*, and others, as a piece of thorough original research, and as such will doubtless be definitive in its particular field, and possibly be adopted as a standard reference book in the schools. The expense of this publication, of which 703 copies were printed, was borne by Dr. O. L. Schmidt.

It may not be out of place to name here the previous publications in this series for the information of those who are not acquainted with them.

Vol. I. "History of the English Settlement in Illinois," by George Flower; published at the expense of Levi Z. Leiter, 1882.

Vol. II. "Enoch Long: An Illinois Pioneer," by Harvey Reed; published at the expense of Levi Z. Leiter, 1884.

Vol. III. "The Edwards Papers," edited by Elihu B. Washburne; published at the expense of Marshall Field, 1884.

Vol. IV. "Early Chicago and Illinois," edited by Edward G. Mason; published with the interest of the Jonathan Burr Fund, 1890.

It will be noted that the expense of the publication of each of the above has been defrayed through the generosity of an individual member of the Society. The Jonathan Burr Fund of \$2,000, which commemorates a most public spirited citizen, is the only fund established expressly for the purpose of printing the Society's collections, and was doubtless given with the hope that it form the nucleus of a fund sufficient to insure the

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continuation of the Society's publications. The Society is yearly adding to its already large collections of original manuscripts and will need increasingly large provision for their publication. It seems probable that there are those in the Society to whom it would be a gratification to bear the expense of publication of a volume in this Series in the name of, and as a memorial to, some deceased member of the donor's family who was a member of the Society.

On February 12 there was published, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, an address delivered by Paul Selby before the Society in 1906, entitled *Abraham Lincoln: The Evolution of His Emancipation Policy*. The Society was singularly fortunate in having this most worthy and fitting contribution to Lincoln literature to offer to its members as a permanent memorial of the Society's participation in the first centennial celebration of the birth of the great Emancipator. Mr. Selby is one of the "Old Guard" of Illinois newspaper editors who played so important a role in the policy and career of Abraham Lincoln.

Five hundred copies of the above pamphlet were distributed to the Society's guests on the occasion of Col. Carr's address, on February 12, and there has since been a very large demand for copies from various parts of the country.

With the Annual Report the members will receive a pamphlet publication now in press, entitled *The Masters of the Wilderness: A Study of the Hudson's Bay Company*, by Charles B. Reed, M. D. This paper is based upon personal observations made during repeated explorations of the posts of the Company, supplemented by research extending over many years. Extremely well written, this paper has literary as well as historical value.

The Diary of James K. Polk during the period of his presidency, 1845 to 1849, consisting of twenty-four volumes in his beautiful handwriting, which has been called the most valuable set of unpublished private papers in America, has lain in the vault of the Society since it was acquired from the Polk family eight years ago, consulted

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very infrequently until last year, when, at the request of the Publication Committee, it was examined by the late Charles W. Mann with a view to its publication. The great expense attending an undertaking of such magnitude seemed an insurmountable barrier, and months were spent in correspondence with publishers, and repeated conferences of the Committee, the feeling being that the Society could not afford to relinquish this opportunity to render so great a service for the advancement of historical studies. Finally, after a most painstaking canvass of all the minutiae of the publishing problem, Professor Mann devised a plan of profit-sharing which was not only acceptable to but desired by the McClurg Publishing Company of this city, and which was adopted by the Publication Committee. At the time of his death last May, Professor Mann had the entire work outlined, his notes for the first volume about completed, and fifty pages of proof had been received. It seemed at first that without Professor Mann the publication of the Diary could not be continued, but it was found that he had virtually provided for his successor in this work by associating with himself in the department of history in Lewis Institute, of which he was head professor, a younger man, who had for some years made special study of the life and times of Polk and his predecessors, Mr. M. M. Quaife. Professor Mann had shown his confidence in Mr. Quaife's ability by suggesting to him the possibility of undertaking the editing of the Polk correspondence. It has therefore come about quite naturally that the Publication Committee has entrusted the continuation of the editing of the Diary to Mr. Quaife.

The importance of the publication of the Polk Diary at once becomes apparent when one realizes that the re-establishment of the independent Treasury, the settlement of the Oregon boundary question, and the cession of New Mexico and California by Mexico to the United States were only part of the program which Polk planned and carried out before he left the White House. The Diary will fill three large volumes and is to be printed in the best possible manner by the Cambridge University Press. The set will be priced at \$15.00.

The publication of this unique work cannot fail to reflect great credit upon the Society, and the fact that it

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has been undertaken and has progressed thus far successfully is mainly due to the discriminating judgment, in matters historical, and persistent effort of Professor Mann, together with the enthusiastic support of this Committee.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—

Throughout the month of February the Reading Room of the Society's Building was given over to an exhibition of Lincolniana which filled six large table-cases, and all of the available wall space, aggregating nearly five hundred items. Although almost unnoticed by the Press the exhibit attracted over two thousand visitors, the attendance on February 12 being eight hundred. A large proportion of the visitors were children who came in classes accompanied by the principals or teachers of their respective schools, in response to special postal invitations sent out by the Entertainment Committee.

The exhibit was in part as follows:

CASE I. ROBERT T. LINCOLN LOAN.

Portraits—

Miniature on ivory, painted from life at Springfield, Ill., in 1860, by John Henry Brown, at the request of Judge John M. Read of Philadelphia.

Daguerreotype. This portrait has been the subject of much discussion, many persons doubting that Lincoln posed for it. The point has now been settled. Dr. Samuel Willard, a corresponding member, who saw Lincoln in 1843, wrote the President of this Society raising this question and suggesting that the portrait was a better likeness of John P. Reynolds, a resident of Springfield, than it was of Abraham Lincoln. This letter was referred to Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, who sent a copy of his reply to Dr. Willard (dated March 22, 1909) to the present writer. It is in part as follows, "I confess you make what would be a strong case if I did not know that the facts are otherwise. The daguerreotype which you saw is one of a pair, one being a likeness of my father, and the other of my mother. I have *both of them*. They were in all

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

probability taken during my father's single term in Congress 1847-9. The daguerreotypes as portraits of my father and mother, being in my father's house from my earliest recollection, there can be no possible doubt that they were made as portraits of them"

Engraved vignette made by the American Bank Note Company.

Carte de visite photograph of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln, January, 1863.

Manuscripts—

Survey and Report on Road from Musick's Ferry, via New Salem to Sangamon County Line, 1834.

Correspondence with Stephen A. Douglas July, 1858, arranging the Joint Debates. 4 letters.

First draft of opening paragraph of the First Inaugural Address. Written before the President-Elect left Springfield. 1 sheet of note paper.

First Inaugural Address as read by President Lincoln, March 4, 1861. Printed with interlineations in Lincoln's handwriting.

Draft Proclamation (April 15, 1861), calling out State Militia to the aggregate of 75,000 men, and convening Special Session of Congress, July 4, 1861.

First Draft of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation July 22, 1862. Not issued.

Address at Executive Mansion Nov. 10, 1864, on presidential election.

Letter from Isaac N. Arnold, 1865, requesting the President to give the original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to the Ladies of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair, later to be deposited with the Chicago Historical Society.

Lincoln's letter transmitting the draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to the Ladies of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

Miscellaneous—

Order of procession at Gettysburg Dedication.

Two copies of the Century article, February, 1894, containing facsimile of Gettysburg Address.

Photograph of an engraving of the Deathbed Scene, April 15th, 1865.

Photographs of engine and baggage car of Chicago & Alton Funeral Train to Springfield, May 2nd, 1865, with time-tables and order of funeral procession.

FRANK E. STEVENS LOAN.

Muster Roll of Captain Abraham Lincoln's Company of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Brig-Gen. Samuel Whitesides, mustered into the service of the U. S. at Beardstown, Ill., on the 28th day of April, 1832 [list of 32 names]. Signed at Beardstown this 25th day of April, 1832..... Commanding the Company. Mustered and Countersigned this 28th day of April, 1832, *Signed* John J. Hardin, Inspector and Mustering Officer.

Muster Roll of Captain Abraham Lincoln's Company, of the 4th Regt. of the Brigade of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Brig. Gen'l Samuel Whitesides, *mustered out of service at the mouth of Fox River May 27th, 1832* [list of 68 names] *Signed* Abraham Lincoln, Capt. Double sheet written on both sides in Lincoln's hand except words in italic.

GENERAL MARTIN D. HARDIN LOAN.

Near this case on an easel was placed an oil portrait of Colonel John J. Hardin, painted when he was U. S. Mustering Officer in the Black Hawk War.

MRS. MARY SWING RICKER LOAN.

Lincoln's silver napkin-ring and goblet given by Mrs. Lincoln to Prof. David Swing about 1874 and by him to his daughter Mary.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

FRANCIS XAVIER MCKENNA LOAN.

Twenty-dollar gold piece set in a silver Maltese cross engraved: "Presented by Abraham Lincoln to Sarah C. Ford [7 years of age] April 24, 1861." The occasion of this presentation was Lincoln's admiration for the little girl's loyalty to her father.

CASE II. W. F. DUMMER LOAN.

Letters of Abraham Lincoln to Hon. H. E. Dummer of Jacksonville, Ill.—

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2, 1844, relative to a deed to 40 acres of land.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 18, 1845, relative to Lincoln's chances for the congressional nomination.

Springfield, Ill., March 28, 1853, enclosing \$3.00.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 17, 1853, relative to a claim against George E. Grubb.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26, 1853, relative to the Grubb Debt.

Springfield, Ill., March 10, 1855, relative to collecting a bond of \$2,000.

Springfield, Ill., March 19, 1855, enclosing a bond and two letters, and relating to Logan's running for the Supreme Bench.

Springfield, Ill., July 20, 1858, relative to a bill for \$50, against Dr. Sprague.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 5, 1858, relative to the admission of more slave states.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8, 1860, relative to Messrs. H. C. Chadsey & Co's right to use certain lard tanks and apparatus.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 5, 1855, letter to Isham Reavis, Esq., relative to R.'s reading law with him.

JOHN T. WEBER LOAN.

Manuscripts—

A legal opinion mentioning no names signed A. Lincoln, dated Urbanna (*sic.*) Oct. 18, 1850.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

Autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln to T. R. Webber, dated Bloomington, Sept. 12, 1853. Subject, McLean Co. assessed property of Illinois Central R. R.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Manuscripts—

Field-notes and Plats [1834] in pencil.

Copy of a letter of A. Lincoln to Miss Mary Speed, dated Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 27, 1841.

Affidavit in handwriting of Joseph Gillespie that foregoing letter is a true copy, etc.

Joseph Gillespie, born in 1809, was a close personal friend of Lincoln, and presided over the second Republican State Convention at Decatur, May 9, 1860, which resulted in the nomination of Lincoln at Chicago one week later.

Autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln to Judge John Marshall of Shawneetown, Ill., dated Springfield, Feb. 8, 1854, the gift of Mrs. H. H. Hayes, a granddaughter of John Marshall. This very friendly letter recounts that the writer had received from John Marshall 50 copies of a book entitled "Early Engagements", by Sarah Marshall, the daughter of the latter, had placed them in the hands of three local dealers for sale, and that Mrs. Lincoln had already read the copy he took home. With the letter were exhibited a copy of "Early Engagements," which was the first novel by an Illinois woman, having been published in 1854, and a photograph of the author, also gifts of Mrs. Hayes.

Letter signed by George W. Dole, G. S. Hubbard and W. H. Brown, inquiring of Mr. Lincoln as to

Norman B. Judd's conduct toward Lincoln in the senatorial contest of 1854, and in the canvass of 1858, dated Chicago, Dec. 12, 1859.

Autograph letter of A. Lincoln to Messrs. Dole, Hubbard and Brown, of Chicago, dated Springfield, Dec. 14, 1859, vindicating Norman B. Judd. 3 pages, quarto.

A very important letter.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

Autograph letter of Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, to John A. Mulligan, dated War Dept., May 17, 1861. Marked "Approved, A. Lincoln," notifying Mulligan that the President accepted the regiment tendered by him.

Autograph letter of A. Lincoln, dated Washington, June 16, 1861, to Ninian W. Edwards regarding a request made by the latter.

Autograph letter of O. H. Browning to N. W. Edwards, dated Washington, July 14, 1861, same subject as above.

"Lincoln's Lost Speech," being the notes of H. C. Whitney.

Letter from Joseph Medill to Edward Gay Mason, President of the Chicago Historical Society, transmitting Lincoln's Bloomington Speech (Mr. Whitney's *ms.*) delivered before first Republican State Convention in 1856, as a gift to the Society. Dated Chicago, Nov. 6, 1896.

Letter from Ida M. Tarbell to Mr. Joseph Medill, dated New York, August 6, 1896, transmitting Whitney's manuscript of "Lincoln's Lost Speech."

Photo fac-simile of letter of Lincoln to the father and mother of Col. E. E. Ellsworth.

Two facsimilies of the Emancipation Proclamation.

CASE III.

This case was occupied by several hundred souvenirs of Lincoln's political campaigns, and original photographs of Lincoln and his contemporaries, nearly all of them belonging to the permanent collection of the Society. A few of the rarest of these are as follows:

A five-pointed star of soft metal bearing an embossed head of Lincoln and the words "WIDE AWAKE." The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

This was a badge adopted by the Pioneer Wide Awakes, an organization formed by E. E. Ellsworth, in Chicago in 1860, to aid in the election of Lincoln. This is said to be the rarest of Lincoln badges.

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Fulton County Wide Awakes' Banner.

This banner was made by Seely & Bent and presented to Captain Dyer, organizer of the above-mentioned Republican marching club, from whom it passed to Mrs. Eunice Bent, of Evanston, who loaned it to the Society for exhibition during "Lincoln Week."

Brass medal, bearing on obverse bust facing right. "Hon. Abraham Lincoln, 1860," and the name of the diemaker, Ellis. Reverse a scene representing Lincoln splitting rails. Legend "The Rail Splitter of the West."

Brass token carrying on obverse and reverse tintype portraits of Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin, 1860.

Satin badge bearing portrait of Lincoln, and the words "Our Ticket, 1860—For President, Abraham Lincoln, for Vice-President, Hannibal Hamlin."

Satin badge bearing the portrait of Stephen A. Douglas and the words "Democratic Invincible Club, Chicago."

Original Brady Photograph of Lincoln and Tad. Presented just as framed, by President Lincoln to a friend in Illinois. Loaned by W. P. MAYER.

Photograph of part of the parade that filed past Lincoln's Home at Springfield on August 8, 1860. (Lincoln on porch.) Loaned by Mr. RICHARD E. SCHMIDT.

Small framed photograph of Lincoln, by Hesler, of Chicago. (Showing Lincoln without beard.) Loaned by MISS ROBIN COPELIN, a grandniece of Hesler.

CASE IV. CHARLES F. GUNTHER LOAN.

Among fifty-four articles mainly associated with the death and obsequies of President Lincoln the following were particularly interesting:

Manuscripts—

Note to the Secretary of War, April 10, 1865, (the day after the fall of Richmond) on small card, "Tad wants some flags. Can he be accommodated?" *Signed A. Lincoln.*

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Note undated, "Let Master Tad have a Navy sword."
Signed A. Lincoln.

Relics—

Ballot—"Straight Republican Ticket—Lincoln",
undated.

Door-plate "A. Lincoln," from Springfield residence.

High hat worn by Abraham Lincoln on journey from
Springfield to Washington to be inaugurated.

Umbrella once the property of Abraham Lincoln.

Almanac for 1853, said to have been used by Lincoln
in securing the acquittal of "Duff" Armstrong, off
the charge of murder.

Bill of the play "Our American Cousin," Ford's
Theatre, April 14, 1865.

Tickets of admission to Ford's Theatre, April 14—,
1865.

Blood-stained sheet from Lincoln's death-bed in th—
Peterson house.

Framed picture from above-mentioned room.

United States flag in which the President's body
was wrapped when taken from the Peterson house
to the White House.

Pair of foils and broadsword, once the property of
J. Wilkes Booth.

Shoe dropped by Booth's horse in flight from Ford's
Theatre.

Framed picture showing capture of Booth.

Photographs—

Funeral train entering Chicago over Illinois Central
Railroad.

Chicago Committee appointed to receive and escort
President Lincoln's remains.

Arch in Park Row, Chicago.



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Funeral Car as it stood side-tracked in Chicago.

Chicago Court House when the President's remains lay in state there.

Funeral at Lincoln Residence, Springfield.

Springfield Funeral Committee.

Burial of Lincoln at Springfield.

Hearse used at Lincoln obsequies.

Among other mementos of the death and funeral of President Lincoln were the following:

Lithograph "The Assassination of President Lincoln," showing front view of box in which are seated President and Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Harris, and Colonel H. R. Rathbone, published by Currier & Ives, N. Y.; a photograph of Miss Harris, afterwards Mrs. Rathbone; a lithograph, "Death of President Lincoln at Washington, April 15, 1865," Currier & Ives, N. Y.; "Harper's Weekly," Saturday, May 6, 1865, showing Booth jumping from the President's box. Loaned by Mr. Henry R. Rathbone, a son of Col. Rathbone.

Black velvet coronet, white tarlatan streamer, black crape sash (crossing breast) and black ribbon neck tie, worn April 1865, when thirty-six high school girls of Chicago, representing the states, placed flowers on Lincoln's casket, as it rested on the catafalque, near Park Row. Loaned by Mrs. Jas. M. Woodford.

Photograph of arch in Park Row, catafalque, and thirty-six school girls who scattered flowers; photograph of Lincoln family; photograph of Lincoln home at Springfield, draped in mourning. Loaned by Mrs. J. U. Keun.

Small photograph, Lincoln's horse draped in mourning, taken in front of Lincoln's home, Springfield; also small photograph of funeral car side-tracked in Chicago. Loaned by Mrs. Eva E. Pierce.

Photograph of Lincoln funeral procession in Lake Street, Chicago, looking west from roof of Illinois Central Railway Depot. Loaned by Miss Harriet Lane, of Freeport.

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CASE V. J. B. OAKLEAF LOAN.

Books—

"The Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," New York, *A. Wessels Co.*, 1908.

"Selections from the works of Abraham Lincoln, Souvenir of the Seventh Annual Dinner, Republican Club, New York City, Feb. 11, 1893."

Ninth Annual Dinner, The Republican Club City of New York, Feb. 12, 1895."

"Hymn on the Death of Lincoln," by Walt Whitman, London, *Edward Arnold*, 1900.

"Ke Keiki Paronia." Samuel C. Andrews, Nu Yoka, 1869.

"From Nybyggarehemmet Till Hoita Huset" af Wm. M. Thayer, Stockholm, 1886.

Japanese Life of Lincoln.

"Abraham Lincoln," von E. Otto, *Eden Pub. Co.*, St. Louis, Mo.

"Abraham Lincoln" by Robert G. Ingersoll, New York, 1907.

"Tribune Tracts No. 6: Life of Abraham Lincoln," by John L. Scripps, New York, 1860.

"The First Published Life of Lincoln, Written in the year 1860," by John Locke Scripps, reprinted in the year 1900 by the *Cranbrook Press*.

"Abraham Lincoln, A Biographical Essay," by Carl Schurz, with an Essay on the Portraits of Lincoln, by Truman H. Bartlett, Boston and New York: *Houghton, Mifflin & Co.*, 1907.

JULIUS FRANKEL LOAN.

"Abraham Lincoln," by Carl Schurz, 1891. Autographed by the Author.

"The Lincoln Centennial Medal," G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1908.

"History of the Brooklyn and Long Island Sanitary Fair, 1865.

Copy presented to the President of the United States November 5, 1864.

CASE VI.

This case contained collections of a miscellaneous character which were received too late to classify.

Special Exhibits—Lincoln—(Continued)

PORTTRAITS.

Reliefs—

Head of Abraham Lincoln in bronze, heroic size, by Gutzon Borglum, being a replica of the marble head accepted by Congress for the Capitol. The gift of MR. JOSEPH HARRIS, a member of the Society.

Bronze tablet mounted on marble upon which is embossed a medallion of Abraham Lincoln, the work of B. V. Brenner, and the text of the Gettysburg Address. The gift of Spaulding & Company through the President, MR. CHARLES F. GREENE.

Square plaque bearing head of Lincoln in relief, after life-mask, by Helen L. Bowman. The gift of the ARTIST.

Medallion bearing head of Lincoln in relief, by Pickett. The gift of MR. L. G. MULLER.

Square copper plaque bearing head of Lincoln in relief. The gift of MR. ROBERT E. HILLS.

Bronze medal 3 inches in diameter, elaborately inscribed and bearing on the obverse the bust of Lincoln facing left, and on the reverse an altar and an allegorical figure.

A tribute to Lincoln's memory by the French people, engraved by Franky Magniadas. An impression of this medal in gold was presented to the widow of Lincoln by 40,000 French citizens.

Bronze medal 2½ inches in diameter issued at the time of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair, Chicago, 1865. Obverse bust facing left. Reverse figure of Columbia.

Bronze medal in form of an oval locket, one inch in its greater diameter, signed H. Bouvet, Paris. Obverse bust facing left. Reverse "Abraham Lincoln 15th April, 1865. Martyr to Liberty." The gift of S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Paintings—

Portrait in oil of Abraham Lincoln by G. P. A. Healy. Loaned by the Trustees of THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY.

Portrait in oil by James Colcord, owned by the CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Etchings—

Etching from Hesler Photograph, by Henry Taylor, Jr. Loaned by Miss MILDRED A. JENKINS.

Etching of Abraham Lincoln, signed "T. Johnson."
The gift of MR. SAMUEL M. NICKERSON.

Engravings—

"The first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation before the Cabinet," engraved by Richie, New York, 1866, after painting by Carpenter. The gift of MR. ERSKINE M. PHELPS.

"Abraham Lincoln," a large framed engraving by John Sartain, Philadelphia. Below the picture is the following: "Head after a photograph from life, the picture by Boyle." Published by R. R. Landon, Agt., 88 Lake St., Chicago. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Abraham Lincoln," a large framed engraving. Painted and engraved by Wm. E. Marshall.

"Lincoln and His family," engraved by A. B. Walter after painting by F. Schell, published by John Dainty, Philadelphia.

"Emancipation Proclamation," written in such a manner that the shaded strokes form a portrait of Lincoln. Loaned by PROF. ELIAS COLBERT.

Engraving of Abraham Lincoln, engraved and published by J. C. Butler, New York, from photograph by M. B. Brady. Border design by W. Momberger. Framed in old walnut. Owned by the Society.

Engraved portrait of Abraham Lincoln, by Brown and Bigelow, St. Paul, 1907. Gift of BERRY BROTHERS.

"Lincoln and His Family," large framed engraving, by Wm. Sartain after painting by S. B. Waugh. Printed by Irwin and Sartain. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Engraved portrait of Lincoln by H. Guyler, after painting by J. H. Littlefield, 1869. Owned by the SOCIETY.

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Lithographs, etc.—

Half-tone bust portrait of Lincoln. Souvenir of Abraham Lincoln, published by M. T. Sheahan, Boston. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Half-tone three-quarter length portrait of Lincoln. Souvenir of Abraham Lincoln, published by M. T. Sheahan, Boston. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Large lithograph "President Lincoln at Home reading the Scriptures to his Wife and Son." Published by Currier and Ives, New York, 1865. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Large poster picture of Abraham Lincoln, used as illustration in *American Magazine*, Nov. 1907. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Large lithographic portrait of Lincoln, published by Kurz & Allison, Chicago, n. d. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

Lithograph "The Death Bed of the Martyr President, Abraham Lincoln, Washington, Saturday Morning, April 15th, 1865, at 22 Minutes Past 7 o'clock." The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Lithograph "Assassination of President Lincoln, Ford's Theatre, Washington, 1865", published by Currier and Ives, New York, 1865. The gift of PROF. CHARLES W. MANN.

Twenty-four half-tone portraits of Lincoln (used as illustrations in Lincoln Centennial Number of *The Century*) mounted on boards. The gift of W. W. ELLSWORTH.

Oil Chromos—

"Lincoln and His Cabinet." Transparency on glass. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Boyhood of Lincoln." Prang's oil chromo of Eastman Johnson's painting. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Oil chromo of Lincoln. Oval. Cincinnati, 1864. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Photographs—

Enlarged photograph of Abraham Lincoln, George John A. McClernand and Allan Pinkerton on the

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Battle-field of Antietam, Sept. 1862. The gift of MESSRS. ALLAN and W. A. PINKERTON.

Photograph of Borglum head of Lincoln, autographed by the Sculptor. Loaned by MRS. ELEANOR ATKINSON.

Original photograph, size 6½ by 9 inches, unmounted, taken at the solicitation of D. B. Cooke, in 1859, by S. M. Fassett, Chicago. 2 prints, the gifts of the late MRS. MARIA G. CARR and CHAS. HARPEL.

Photograph of marble statue "Lincoln the Rail Splitter." The gift of the Sculptor, C. J. MULLIGAN.

Photograph of marble statue of Lincoln, at Pana, Ill. The gift of the Sculptor, C. J. MULLIGAN.

Photographic copy of Brady photograph of Abraham Lincoln in possession of Mr. George Morris Eckles. The gift of MR. ECKLES.

Portrait in oil of Stephen T. Logan, Lincoln's law partner 1841-44, by G. P. A. Healy, owned by the Chicago Historical Society. Originally presented to the Society by EZRA B. MCCAGG.

Portrait in oil of Stephen A. Douglas, by Lassier, owned by the CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Special Exhibits—James K. Polk—

Tuesday evening, June 15, on the occasion of the lecture by Mr. M. M. Quaife on, "The Obscuration of James K. Polk," an exhibit of Polk manuscripts and portraits was opened, this being the first opportunity given to the public to examine the Polk documents. Owing to the fact that the Society is about to publish the Diary of President Polk, some features of this exhibit are here dwelt upon at greater length than would otherwise have been the case. The exhibit consisted of the following, the annotation of the letters being by Mr. Quaife:—

President Polk's Trunk. On his return home at the expiration of his presidential term Polk sorted his papers, tied them in bundles, and put them into this trunk. Thus they were preserved for several decades, until trunk and contents were purchased by this Society in 1901.

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Diary of James K. Polk, 1845 to 1849, in twenty-four small quarto volumes in the hand of the President. The following lines extracted from the first volume seem somewhat prophetic of the partial obscuration from which the achievements of Polk have suffered: "November 2, 1845. It was Communion day in the Church and the sermon was solemn and forcible. It awakened the reflection that I had lived fifty years and that before fifty years more would expire I would be sleeping with the generations which have gone before me. I thought of the vanity of this world's honors—how little they would profit me half a century hence, and that it was time for me to be 'putting my house in order.' "

Letters:

Polk to President Andrew Jackson, on the second United States Bank, Aug. 23d, 1834.

Polk's draft defending the relations which he intends to establish between himself and the members of his Cabinet, together with the rules of political conduct which he expects them to observe. A copy of this draft was presented to each man whom he invited into his Cabinet, and the offer was made conditional upon the acceptance of its terms.

Copy of a letter from Gen. Winfield Scott, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, to Senator Archer, of New York (a Whig) commenting disrespectfully on the Polk administration, February 6, 1846. This is one of the most interesting letters in the Polk collection. The endorsement on the envelope is in Polk's hand, and tells how he came to get possession of this copy. Polk's wrath was deeply stirred by this letter and to it is due the fact that Zachary Taylor, rather than Scott, was given charge of the forces of the United States in the early part of the Mexican War. Ben used Polk to "exile" Scott to some I it on the northern frontier, during tl the war. It was only after Polk b nced of

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Taylor's incapacity that he permitted Scott to take part in the war, and he relented then only because of absolute necessity. A portion of the letter follows:—

“With the officering of the new corps I am sure I should not be allowed the least possible agency except in favor of a Democrat. Not an eastern man, not a graduate of the Military Academy, and certainly not a *Whig* could obtain a place under such prescriptive circumstances. You may be certain I shall not dishonor myself by recommending any individual whatsoever.”

A draft, in Buchanan's hand, of a Cabinet decision as to its policy upon a point which arose in the course of the dispute which lead to the war with Mexico. Mr. Slidell was sent by Polk to Mexico as a special minister in a last effort to bring about a peaceable ending of the dispute. His rejection by the Mexican government made the war inevitable. *Undated.*

Letter of George Bancroft on the Oregon Question. Probably written while a member of Polk's Cabinet. April 27, —. “Colonel Benton's suggestions concerning the Mexican War, given at my request. *Confidential.* July 4, 1846.” (Polk's endorsement on the envelope.)

Letter in Spanish of Santa Anna to Alexander S. Mackenzie, 15 August, 1846.

Report of a Cabinet discussion over the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In the hand of J. Knox Walker, Polk's private secretary.

Polk's veto of the anticipated Irish Famine Relief Bill. 1847 was the year of the terrible Irish famine. It was expected that Congress would appropriate a half million dollars for the relief of the sufferers. Polk's strict constructionist principles lead him to believe such action unconstitutional. He therefore prepared this veto message to be used in the event of the passage of the bill.

Portraits—

Photograph from the original painting by Thomas Sully, in the possession of the Didactic Society of the University of North Carolina.

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Photograph of the original painting by G. P. A. Healy, 1845, owned by the Tennessee Historical Society. Never published.

Engraving from the original painting by Chappel.

Engraving from a painting after Healy.

Mezzotint in "The Life of James Knox Polk", by John S. Jenkins, 1850.

Engraving, artist unknown.

Lithograph in colors, published in 1844, by N. Currier.

Woodcut in *Democratic Review*, 1838.

Whig cartoon on Presidential Campaign of 1844.

Whig cartoon on Tariff of 1846.

Democratic cartoon on the Annexation of Texas.

Pamphlets—

"Proceedings of the Harbor and River Convention held at Chicago, July Fifth, 1847: Together with Full List of Names of Delegates....published by order of the Convention," Chicago, *printed by R. L. Wilson, Daily Journal Office*, 1847.

"Memorial of the Chicago Convention in Favor of the Improvement of Harbors and Rivers by the General Government, presented to Congress June 19, 1848."

"Report of Jesse B. Thomas as a member of the Executive Committee appointed by the Chicago Harbor and River Convention, on the Statistics concerning the City of Chicago," Chicago, *printed by R. L. Wilson, Daily Journal Office*, 1847.

"Gen. Cass' Letter to the Harbor and River Convention," Second Edition, Chicago, *Journal Press*, 1848. A miniature book of seven pages slightly larger than a postage stamp, but containing the text of the letter in English, French, and in exact facsimile of reduced size. The letter reads in full as follows:

"Detroit, May 29 [1847]. Dear Sir I am much obliged to you for your kind attention in transmitting me an invitation to a convention on internal improvements
Yours truly
J. M. Smith

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Chicago in July. Circumstances, however, will put it out of my power to be present at that time. I am, Dear Sir, Respectfully yours, LEWIS CASS."

The above seemingly innocent communication was issued as a political lampoon by Cass' opponents to defeat his election to the presidency as Democratic candidate in 1848, and was probably more widely circulated than any similar document up to that time. To understand the sarcasm of the publicity given to this letter it is necessary to turn to the newspaper reports of the Harbor Convention. Horace Greeley in a letter to the *New York Tribune*, dated Chicago, July 8, 1847, wrote: "No man can read the letters addressed to this Convention, in answer to invitations to attend, without being struck with the palpable difference of tone and spirit which separates the statesmen of the two great parties. On the Whig side all is frank and unqualified—as for example, Mr. Webster's, the reading of which called forth three spontaneous and hearty cheers. Nobody is left to guess at the position of Mr. Webster. Turn from this to the letters of eminent Loco-Foco statesmen, beginning with that of Gen. Cass, a U. S. Senator from harborless Michigan, and an aspirant for the Presidency *via* South Carolina. Did mortal man ever before see such a letter from one who is by position and was by profession friendly to the objects of the Convention? It was listened to with hardly less astonishment than indignation." Other reports state that it was read repeatedly throughout the Convention and was invariably greeted with hisses and every possible mark of derision. Biographers of Cass devote many pages to explaining away this celebrated letter.

The above mentioned pamphlets were particularly interesting to Chicago people, for they recalled the fact that out of Polk's veto of the River and Harbor bill of 1846 grew what Congressman John Wentworth styled "that wonderful event in the history of Chicago, the River and Harbor Convention of 1847." The Harbor bill, carrying an appropriation of \$12,000 for improving the harbor at Chicago, had, through the endeavors of

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r. Wentworth, received the powerful support of Daniel Webster, resulting in a decisive majority of both houses, so that when it received President Polk's veto the whole Northwest arose against him and a Convention was called, at Chicago, for the purpose of protecting the interests of internal commerce.

The passage in the veto message which particularly stirred the ire of the inhabitants of the metropolis of the Northwest is the following, in which he alludes in deprecating terms to the improvement of harbors on the "Northern Lake Route:" "It would seem the dictate of wisdom under such circumstances* to husband our means and not waste them on comparatively unimportant objects." After quoting the above, the *Chicago Journal* of August 12, 1846, comments as follows: "Thus discourses James K. Polk, in his veto message, and the sentiment is an *insult* to the country. 'Husband our means' forsooth. Are not *millions* being squandered by this same James K. Polk for the invasion of Mexico and the extension of slavery.... And yet Mr. Polk outrages the intelligence of the people, his masters, by claiming, when a pittance is asked for a great Northern interest, that we must '*husband* our means!' *That the object* for which we ask them is comparatively UNIMPORTANT!" After a caption bearing a hand pointing, the *Journal* of September 17 printed the following: "Who is James K. Polk? Answer ye 54-40" Crusaders. Answer ye betrayed and insulted Pennsylvanians. Answer ye friends of internal improvements. Answer ye long suffering claimants of National Justice. Answer ye Hard-Currency 'Democrats.' Answer ye advocates of Freedom. Answer ye friends of Peace. Who is James K. Polk?"

Mr. Wentworth has said that the delegates assembled in the River and Harbor Convention were "the most talented, enterprising, wealthy and influential men from all parts of the country." The eyes of the nation as a whole were for the first time turned upon Chicago and it has been said that this Convention was the starting point for Chicago's unprecedented prosperity. Thus President Polk became one of

*The circumstances as recited in the message were that "Some of the objects of the appropriation are local in their character.... are not connected with foreign commerce, nor are they places of refuge for our navy or commercial marine on the ocean or its shores."

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her most powerful promoters. It was during these deliberations that Thomas Corwin and Horace Greeley predicted that the West was destined to become the ruler of this continent.

The presence of the President of the United States in the Mississippi Valley during the past month, on a tour of inspection looking toward the improvement of harbors and rivers, furnishes material for an interesting comparison of conditions in the 40's and now—a comparison which serves to emphasize the fact that a different estimate of the relative importance of the Central West obtains to-day.

It is impossible to leave the subject of Polk and the Chicago Harbor Convention without noting the fugitive references contained in its reports to another luminary whose pale shining was beginning to be felt even in 1847. Hon. A. Lincoln was enrolled as one of three delegates from Sangamon County, Ill. The Official Report of the Proceedings of July 6 states that, "Abraham Lincoln of Illinois being called upon addressed the Convention briefly." His words were not considered of sufficient importance to be reported, but Mr. Greeley in his letter to the *New York Tribune* comments as follows: "In the afternoon Hon. Abraham Lincoln, a tall specimen of an Illinoian, just elected to Congress from the only Whig District in the State, was called on and spoke briefly and happily in reply to Mr. Field." *The Chicago Journal* of that day makes the following announcement of the presence of Mr. Lincoln in the city, "Abraham Lincoln, the only Whig representative to Congress from this State, we are happy to see is in attendance upon the Convention. This is his first visit to the commercial emporium of the State and we have no doubt his visit will impress him more deeply, if possible, with the importance, and inspire a higher zeal for the great interest of River-and-Harbor improvements. We expect much of him as a representative in Congress and we have no doubt our expectations will be more than realized, for never was reliance placed in a nobler heart and a sounder judgment. We know the banner he bears will never be soiled."

Field Work—

On Saturday afternoon, April 20th, the Librarian accompanied members of the Geographical Society and

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other organizations on a six mile walk across country in the valley of the Grand Calumet river, from Clark, Ill., to Gary, Ind. The region is interesting not only because of its Indian village sites, but it has received minute study by local historians because of the theory advanced by Dr. Albert D. Hager, for many years Secretary of this Society, that the Calumet and not the Chicago river was the route taken by Marquette. Similar tramps, designated "The Saturday Afternoon Walking Trips," are planned to embrace every locality of historic or geographic interest in northern Illinois, and as each is under the direction of a competent leader they may prove of value to students of local history, but they are certain to emphasize the desirability of taking steps to preserve the beautiful natural surroundings of our city. The name of this Society has been added to the list of organizations interested.

During a week's vacation at Mackinac Island, July 26-31, the Librarian made repeated pilgrimages to the Astor House, the former trading post of the American Fur Company, with the object of ascertaining if the records of the Company which she saw there in 1898 were still in the keeping of the Hotel, a doubt having arisen on this point owing to the fact that a set of six account books of the Company were offered for sale last spring. After many fruitless visits nine books were finally produced by the proprietor, and an afternoon most enjoyably spent in their examination. As at present constituted the set consists of seven account books, 1818 to 1851, and two letterbooks, 1815 to 24. At the request of the Librarian, Mrs E. M. Williams, the daughter of Gurdon S. Hubbard, who was at her summer home at "Hubbard's Annex," very kindly undertook to negotiate the purchase of the books, which contain numerous references to her father's connection with the Company, but without avail, for the owners say that they draw visitors to the hotel and are part of their stock in trade. Inasmuch as the documents are of too great importance, historically, to be subjected to the hazards of a flimsy showcase in a loghouse, thumbed over by the careless hands of merely casual visitors, it may be thought proper to have copies of the letterbooks made. Mrs. Williams expressed the hope that she might be able to purchase the volumes and present them to this Society as a *memorial of her father and mother*. The names

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Beaubien, Hubbard, Kinzie and Newberry appear on almost every page and occasionally is found such an item as the following extract from a letter dated Mackinac, October 29, 1819, from Robert Stuart to John Kinzie, Sr., at Chicago.

“John enjoys good health and will I have no doubt turn out a very fine fellow. I am much pleased with his conduct. I am and will give him every advantage this place and his station affords.” The letter from which the above is quoted is a request for Messrs. Kinzie’s and Beaubien’s services in adjusting a claim against Chandonnai. Mr. Stuart’s high opinion of young Kinzie expressed to his father did not prevent him from being a stern disciplinarian.

The old press and great wooden wheel for hoisting furs are still in place on the second floor of the log storehouse which with the trading house and other buildings surround a central square as in a fort. Standing in the low hand-hewn doorway of one of these whitewashed buildings the beholder has little difficulty in peopling the sunny square with the youthful figures of Hubbard and Kinzie and of their dignified employers, Ramsey Crooks and Robert Stuart, making one feel repaid for the journey to the Island by the historical perspective thus gained.

On August 27 was held the Third Annual Pilgrimage of the Sauk County Historical Society and Home Coming at Newport, Wisconsin, at which time a monument erected in commemoration of the Sauk Chief, Yellow Thunder, was unveiled, Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites being orator of the occasion. Newport, a deserted village romantically situated on the Wisconsin river, was once the site of a quite numerous settlement, and the stone residence built there by Captain William Vanderpool in 1855 has been, since 1887, the summer home of Mr. S. H. Kerfoot’s family. On the day of the Home Coming those who made the pilgrimage along the old trail which passes through Newport were shown the points of interest by Mr. and Miss Kerfoot. This bit of field-work by a member of this Society although performed in another state may not be without fruit for this Society, for if some of our members are moved to emulate the Wisconsin people in making pilgrimages along the Indian trails that enter our city from all sides,* their investigations may lead to *the marking of some historic sites.*

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On October 9 Dr. Otto L. Schmidt and the Librarian, under the guidance of Mr. Albert F. Scharf, made an expedition by automobile to certain Indian mounds on the Desplaines river. The route, by way of Grand Avenue, in early days known as Whiskey Point Road, was interesting by reason of the fact that there are still to be seen, the homesteads of many residents of the county, noted on the early maps because they formed the only conspicuous landmarks for travelers approaching Chicago from the west, and because refreshments for man and beast could usually be had at these places. When the river was reached Mr. Scharf led the party south along its east bank, which is here forty feet above the bed of the stream, to North Avenue. Here, but a few feet from the highway where automobiles pass constantly, were plainly to be seen the remains of the Kennicott Mounds, which first attracted the attention of Dr. William Stimpson and Mr. Charles Kennicott, well-known scientists of Chicago, in 1869, when they observed this group of knolls two and one-half feet above the surrounding plain, each encircled by a trench. The mounds are five in number and, as described by Mr. Scharf, lie in the form of quincunx.

From the Kennicott Mounds the party proceeded about three miles further south to Forest Home Cemetery, formerly Haas' Park. Here during the last twenty years, in the course of excavating for the city of the dead, a group of mounds has been demolished which yielded remains of two distinct epochs, namely, the stone implements and silver jewelry of the Indians, and skeletons of Mound-builders and prehistoric animals. A mass of specimens of both of these periods have been collected by Mr. William Haas, President of the Forest Home Cemetery Company, and are exhibited in his office. Large numbers also have been contributed to the Smithsonian and other museums. Mr. Scharf thinks the number and extent of the remains indicate the presence of a village on this site, in the time of Marquette, only second in importance to the great village at Bowmanville.

Dr. J. W. Foster in his *Prehistoric Races of the United States* devotes ten pages, with numerous diagrams, to the consideration of the two above-mentioned mounds. The Haas' Park Mounds are totally destroyed,

*See "Map of Indian Trails and Villages of Chicago and Vicinity," by A. F. Scharf, 1901.

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but those named after Robert Kennicott, Chicago's most famous scientist of the early days, have by strange good fortune been preserved, and to-day probably appear much as their discoverers left them, marred at the apices by excavations and shaded by a young oak forest which doubtless had but just started then. It is the opinion of Dr. Schmidt that the Kennicott Mounds should be made a feature of the Outer Belt Park System.

Relations with Historical Societies and Kindred Organizations—

During the past year nearly 600 letters were written by the Librarian. A review of the copies of these shows that the correspondence with societies is increasing.

In December, at the invitation of the Committee of One Hundred Citizens, the following were appointed to represent this Society on a Joint-Committee On the Participation of Libraries and Institutions in the Celebration of the Lincoln Centennial, of which Dr. B. J. Cigrand was chairman: Messrs. Franklin H. Head, C. F. Gunther, S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., George Merryweather, Walter C. Newberry, and the Librarian. Two meetings were held at which the following institutions were represented: the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Theological Seminary, The John Crerar Library, The Library Club, the Memorial Hall Association, The Newberry Library, and the University of Chicago. Your Librarian was appointed Secretary and Mr. Kerfoot reported on the elaborate plans of this Society. Inasmuch as the Bar Association, the Crerar and the Newberry Libraries and the Library Club reported that, on account of lack of suitable halls, they would not hold public exercises, these institutions formally accepted the invitation of the Chicago Historical Society to participate in its exercises on February 12. It was voted that frequent meetings of the officers of kindred institutions would prove of mutual benefit, and that the Committee should not be dissolved.

At the request of Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, President of the New York Historical Society, that the Chicago Historical Society would co-operate with the New York Society in an exhibition of Fulton manuscripts

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to be made during September and October, in celebration of the Centennial of the Application of Steam to the Propulsion of Boats, by Robert Fulton, this Society contributed three letters from its collections.

Mr. C. M. Burton of Detroit, President of the Michigan Historical Society, writes that he has just received a donation of some eight or ten thousand manuscripts which are the first consignment of a collection of the Marine Department of the Government. Mr. Burton writes, "To me they are very interesting, and I think they will be more so to Chicago and the Northwest. They include the clearings of vessels from 1800 up, and at that time a canoe was called a vessel, so that every canoe and larger boat entering Mackinac was registered and a detailed statement given of its contents. I find frequent mention of John Kinzie, J. B. Beaubien, Rocheblave, Gaisson, and the early pioneers."

There is not a more active historical society in the State of Illinois than that of Quincy, with which a lively correspondence is maintained. Mr. E. J. Parker, President of the Society, writes that on May 22d there was unveiled, under the auspices of the Historical Society there, a most impressive statue of George Rogers Clark, to whose bravery and statesmanship we owe the fact that the Mississippi and not the Alleghanies was the western boundary of the United States at the close of the Revolution. The heroic bronze figure of Illinois' youthful champion is an imposing landmark as it stands on the high bluff overlooking the broad expanse of the Mississippi river. On June 25 a series of five marble tablets bearing the names of 115 pioneer men and women of Adams County was unveiled with impressive ceremonies in the historic home of the Quincy Historical Society in the presence of 500 members of the organization. The home of the Society was once the mansion of Governor Wood and was placed in repair and adopted as the headquarters of the Society largely through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Parker. It is a fine example of Illinois colonial architecture.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held its second annual meeting in St. Louis, June 17-19. In

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the Conference of Historical Societies, this Society was officially represented by Mr. William A. Meese, of Moline, who read a paper entitled, "The Marking of Historic Spots in Illinois," to which this Society contributed a report on "Historic Sites of the Chicago Region." Mr. Meese's paper attracted considerable attention from the press owing to his proposing the erection of a monument to La Salle at the mouth of the Mississippi River. Twenty-eight years ago the Chicago Historical Society issued a circular urging the historical societies in the valleys of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to unite in celebrating the 200th anniversary of La Salle's discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi, on April 9, 1682. This project was upon the eve of being carried out when the floods of that year (1882) devastated so many cities that it had to be abandoned.

The efforts of this Society in inaugurating this movement were not fruitless, for the late Marshall Field in anticipation of the La Salle Bicentennial presented to the Society a fine portrait of the explorer painted by Healy, and the same year Hon. Lambert Tree caused to be erected in Lincoln Park a magnificent bronze statue of La Salle. And the matter did not stop there for in response to a suggestion from Judge Tree the citizens of Rouen set apart the birthday of La Salle as an annual fête and later the President of France conferred upon Judge Tree the title of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his efforts to perpetuate the glory of La Salle both in America and France.

Dr. Dunbar Rowland, Director of the Department of Archives and History, State of Mississippi, reports that the plan for calendaring the French archives relating to American history has been perfected through the co-operation of the following historical agencies: Alabama Department of Archives and History, Chicago Historical Society, Howard Memorial Library, Indiana Department of Archives and History, Iowa Historical Society, Illinois Historical Library, Kansas Historical Society, Missouri Historical Society, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Society, these historical agencies having contributed \$2000 for the work.

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Organizations—(Continued)*

This Society each year contributes \$50.00 toward the publication by the Carnegie Institution of an annual bibliography entitled, "Writings on American History."

Mr. George Merryweather, Mr. Edward L. Ryerson, and Mr. Charles H. Wacker have been appointed as a Special Committee of the Society to co-operate with the Commercial Club Committee on Plan of Chicago, in appropriately designating historic sites in connection with the proposed improvement of the city. A letter has been received from Mr. F. A. Delano, Secretary of the latter Committee, expressing high appreciation of the Society's interest in this matter.

Repairs—

While the major portion of the repairs made during the last summer had to do with the exterior of the Building certain of them have worked great improvements in the condition of the interior. A most marked change has been noticeable in the atmosphere of the Building which in former years was charged with dampness during the summer months. The change was brought about by opening several transoms on each floor, thus securing a circulation of air. Another important improvement is the new skylight which admits so much light into the main hall that the paintings and relics there can be seen satisfactorily.

All of the exterior iron was thoroughly wire-brushed and painted.

As the Librarian was absent from the city but one week during the summer she supervised the work at every stage and was thus able to enforce some of the minor details of the terms of the contracts made by Mr. Ryerson, Mr. Richard E. Schmidt and Mr. Kerfoot, which otherwise would have been interpreted somewhat more to the advantage of the contractors.

Attendance—

The number of visitors to the library and collections, exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

| | READERS | | VISITORS | | TOTALS |
|--------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| | Men | Women | Men | Women | |
| 1st quarter, | 136 | 13 | 212 | 82 | 443 |
| 2d quarter, | 139 | 14 | 1464 | 1069 | 2686 |
| 3d quarter, | 175 | 35 | 348 | 139 | 697 |
| 4th quarter, | 178 | 42 | 300 | 106 | 626 |
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| | 628 | 104 | 2324 | 1396 | 4452 |

Total Readers, 732. Total Visitors, 3720.

The largest attendance for one day was February 12 when 800 visitors were recorded.

Applications filed for books record 2472 volumes specifically called for. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

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| Chicago history, geography, etc..... | 569 |
| Illinois history, geography, etc..... | 486 |
| Chicago and Illinois newspapers..... | 350 |
| "Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley.. | 315 |
| Biography..... | 122 |
| Manuscripts | 53 |
| Indians and antiquities..... | 81 |
| Reference and miscellaneous works..... | 496 |

Among notable visitors and early residents who have signed the Visitors' Register are the following:

Katharine D. Arnold, daughter of Isaac N. Arnold, who arrived in Chicago in October, 1836.

Frederick Baumann, arrived in Chicago July 7, 1850.

Anita McCormick Blaine, daughter of Cyrus H. McCormick, who arrived in Chicago in 1847.

Charles E. Boyer, son of James A. Boyer, grandson of J. K. Boyer.

James Bryce, Washington, D. C., British Ambassador to the United States.

Harriet Isham Carpenter, granddaughter of George W. Snow, who arrived in Chicago in 1832.

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Clark Ezra Carr, Galesburg, Ill., who, as Illinois' delegate on the Commission to Dedicate the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, heard Lincoln's address.

Charles B. Cooke, son of D. B. Cooke, Bookseller and Stationer.

Elizabeth Skinner Cramer, of Lake Forest, Ill., granddaughter of Judge Mark Skinner, who arrived in Chicago in July, 1836.

J. O. Cunningham, of Urbana, Ill., came to Illinois in 1836, was present during the delivery of Lincoln's "Lost Speech", and has heard him plead many cases.

Francis Ambrose Eastman, arrived in Chicago in August, 1858.

William Webster Ellsworth, of New York, Secretary of the Century Company.

John W. Foster, born corner of Pine and Illinois Street, 1851; son of Edward Foster who came to Chicago in 1837.

O. F. Fuller, arrived in Chicago Feb. 15, 1852.

A. L. Hardy, son of Isaac Hardy, who came to Chicago in 1837 and was a contractor on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Mrs. Fannie Bailey Hewitt, of Lake Forest, Ill. Present at the Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860, the Sanitary Fair, and Lincoln funeral in Chicago.

Robert Hewitt, Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y., who has the most complete collection of Lincoln medals known.

Gustav A. Hofman, sang at the bier of Abraham Lincoln in Chicago.

William Harman Hogan, grandson of William Harman, who arrived in Chicago in 1834.

Samuel Holland, grandson of Dr. Josiah C. Goodhue, the designer of the Seal of the Village of Chicago, 1835.

E. K. Hubbard, of Middletown, Conn., born in Chicago July 12, 1835.

L. de K. Hubbard, of Middletown, Conn., born in Chicago, Dec. 25, 1870.

Fernando Jones, arrived in Chicago May 26, 1835.

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- John M. Lansden, of Cairo, Ill., son of Rev. A. W. Lansden, who came to Sangamon County in 1835, from Wilson County, Tenn.
- Eli Robert Lewis, son of Joseph Lewis, who arrived in Chicago July 4, 1839.
- Robert Todd Lincoln, who came to Chicago in 1865.
- Miss L. W. Lull, daughter of O. R. W. Lull, member of the Chicago Historical Society, 1858-59.
- Ruth Newberry, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., great grand-niece of Walter Loomis Newberry, who arrived in Chicago in 1833.
- William Dana Orcutt, Boston, Mass., Manager of the Cambridge University Press.
- Elizabeth W. Parker, of Washington, D. C., great granddaughter of John H. Kinzie, who was brought to Chicago by his parents in 1804, having been born the previous year at Sandwich, Canada.
- Ferdinand Ernst Peebles, grandson of Ferdinand Ernst, who in 1819 brought 25 or 30 families of Germans from Hanover to Vandalia.
- Alfred W. Pendleton, one of the party that went to the rescue of the "Lady Elgin."
- Mrs. A. J. Pettit, granddaughter of William Wayman, who arrived in Chicago in 1832.
- Charles P. Pettus, Secretary Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Mo., grandson of William G. Pettus, great-grandson of James Morrison and Dr. Antoine Saugrain.
- Eliza Lewis Potwin, daughter of A. B. Lewis, born in Chicago June 2, 1841.
- Roswell T. Spencer, son of Marshall S. Spencer, who came to Greene Co., Ill., in 1822.
- Alice Barbara Stahl, of Galena, Ill., daughter of Frederick Stahl, who was present at the signing of the great Indian treaty at Chicago in 1833.
- James E. Strawn, of Wheaton, Ill., a survivor of the Lincoln-Douglas first debate, Ottawa, Aug. 21, 1858.
- J. Dickey Templeton, of Bloomington, Ill., son of J. H. Dickey, who came to Illinois in 1837 and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Anti-Slavery Society.
- Charles Gilbert Wheeler, arrived in Chicago in 1838.

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Dr. Samuel Willard, who in 1831 at 10 years of age came with his parents to Carrolton, Ill., from Boston, via stage to Pittsburg and steamer on the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

Many schools and clubs have visited the Library and Museum, the following having registered:

Mary O. Arnold and 10 pupils of the Deaf Department, Ogden School.

Charles L. Blodgett and 28 pupils of the 6th Grade, Burley School.

B. I. Bullard and 65 pupils, A. G. Lane Technical High School.

Thomas C. Johnson and 30 pupils of the 8th Grade, Sheldon School.

Lucile Jones and class from A. G. Lane High School.

Adele Lackner and 23 pupils, School of Education.

June G. Launer and 12 pupils, A. G. Lane School.

M. Therese Norton and 31 pupils of the 8th Grade, Burley School.

Estelle Perry and 18 pupils of the 8th Grade, Chicago Latin School.

Matilda A. Ritter and 24 pupils of the 6th and 7th Grades, Burley School.

Ira W. Stahl and 20 pupils, A. G. Lane Technical High School.

Anna I. Stiles and 29 pupils of the 6th Grade, Burley School.

Albert S. Wilson and 12 students of the Library School of the University of Illinois.

Cataloguing—

There have been catalogued 1534 volumes, for which 1954 cards have been typewritten for the public catalogue, and 691 new entries added to the official catalogue. The total number of cards now in the general catalogue is 24,083. The Portrait Index contains 10,115 entries, and the Index of Illinois Views 2,695. During the summer a catalogue of the Society's additions to the "List of Serials in Public Libraries of Chicago," was prepared. Total 36,893 cards. The time of the cataloguer has been divided between cataloguing, taking dictation of letters,

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and copying manuscripts to be used in the Society's forthcoming publications.

The diversion of a certain amount of time from the catalogue seemed justifiable, inasmuch as the portion of the collections pertinent to the field of the Society is now for the most part entered in the Author Catalogue, and all materials are classified and accessible to the public.

The filing and listing of photographic negatives has gradually become a task of such proportions, since the rule went into operation requiring that all negatives made from its collections shall become the property of the Society, that a special filing case is being built to accommodate the collection.

Accessions—

The additions to the Library by gift and purchase since November 1, 1908, are as follow:

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| 448 manuscripts, | 1780 pamphlets, | 384 miscellaneous, |
| 915 volumes, | 18 maps, | 3545 total. |

Of the 3545 accessions more than 3000 were donations.

More titles have been added under the head of *Lincolniana*, than under any other class of accessions. A list of these follows on pages 283-288.

Particular attention is directed to the heading "NEWSPAPERS," in the catalogue of accessions which follows, for if the Society had made no accessions to its Library this year other than the Chicago newspapers that have been added, both by gift and purchase, there would still be matter for congratulation, for not since the gift of Hon. John Wentworth's personal file of the *Democrat* have so many papers of early date been added, in one year, to this most important class of the Society's collections.

The year opened with the purchase, from the Estate of Elijah M. Haines, of a file of the *Chicago Democrat* from 1844 to 1859; the first volume of the *Gem*

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of the *Prairie*, 1844-5; and *The Little Fort Porcupine*, volumes one and two, 1845 to 1847.

The next accession was the *Daily Alton Courier* for 1858, the year of the Joint Debates, whose pages read like a biography of Lincoln for his every action is chronicled. The doner is DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Another important addition is the first volume of what is styled, by old newspaper men, "Greeley's Immortal Tribune," established in 1841. The donor is MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

From Mr. E. M. Ashcraft was received a large collection of odd numbers of Illinois papers published between 1837 and 1887, at Alton, Vandalia, Belleville, Bloomington and Springfield. With the above was found a copy of *The Iowa Territorial Gazette*, published at Burlington, I. T., November 9, 1839. This collection, recently found in Mr. Ashcraft's old home in Vandalia, has proven particularly interesting inasmuch as several Illinois newspapers whose titles were not known to collectors thus came to light.

Another gift which cannot be passed without special mention is a complete bound file of the *Chicago Chronicle*, 1896 to 1907, forty-seven volumes. This is the gift of MR. HARRY LINCOLN SAYLER, Manager of the City Press Association.

At the cost of much time and considerable expense the Chicago Mendelsshon Club, through its Librarian Mr. Charles H. Strawbridge, has collected and had handsomely bound for this Society, a complete file of the Programs of its forty-two concerts, together with the Circulars and newspaper comments relating thereto, and in accordance with the formal action at the Club presents the same. This is an addition to the history of musical Organizations in Chicago which will be most valuable in time to come.

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Only one large collection of original manuscripts in the Society's field was offered for sale during the year past, namely six account books of the American Fur Company and although effort were made to secure these, as well as nine books still in the possession of the Cable family (owners of the Astor House at Mackinac) it was of no avail, inasmuch as the book dealers in Cleveland who offered the former, asked a price about ten times their estimated value, and the latter declined to consider selling at any price as the books draw visitors to the hotel.

However the year was notable for the large number of legal papers of a local nature donated, among them the following:

From the ESTATE OF MRS. MARY ANN HUBBARD, widow of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard, have been received 147 documents, the earliest of which is dated 1817, being such private papers and scrap-books as remained to this aged couple after the Great Fire, cherished and added to by them through the years with the intention that they should some day become the property of this Society. Among the papers are 100 deeds, leases and mortgages to which Mr. Hubbard was a party, including some of the earliest transactions in real estate after Chicago was incorporated as a Village in 1833. One volume of great interest is a Guest Book prepared with his well known foresight by Mr. Hubbard and used at the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage to Mrs. Hubbard in 1868. As may be imagined it contains the signatures of all the first people of Chicago. Another volume of importance contains copies of 56 pages of a letter-book of the Astor Fur Company dated 1817-1819. It will be remembered that Mr. Hubbard was apprenticed to this company in 1818 as a lad of fifteen and came to Chicago the same year as a member of the Illinois Brigade to trade with the Indians for furs. The collection bears evidence that Mr. Hubbard's interests were as broad as the city. A minute of three early documents follows:

Autograph letter (12 pages) signed by Ram'y Crooks and Robert Stuart to John Jacob Astor. Dated New York, Jan. 24, 1818.

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Indenture between Francis & Catish Bourbonnais and Samuel Rupell, dated Oct. 14, 1833. Signed by Richard J. Hamilton and G. S. Hubbard, Chicago. Articles of agreement between Gurdon S. Hubbard, Henry G. Hubbard and Daniel S. Griswold on entering into partnership as Forwarding and Commission Merchants, Chicago, Sept, 23, 1837.

From MR. S. LOCKWOOD BROWN was received a manuscript relating to his father, William H. Brown, the first President of this Society. This document is a testimonial signed by the principal citizens of Auburn, N. Y., of the high character and standing of Mr. Brown in the community where he was born and whence he was about to remove "to the Territory of Illinois." The document is dated Oct, 14, 1818.

From MR. JOHN T. DALE, of Winnetka, was received a valuable collection of letters relative to Camp Douglas, and Rolls of Prisoners of War paroled 1863-4, at Camp Douglas.

A letter dated Camp Douglas, July 25, 1862, written by M. A. McClelland to his brother, MR. THOMAS S. McCLELLAND, is presented to the Society by the latter. It gives an account of the conspiracy to liberate the Confederate Prisoners confined in this Camp on the day after the events occurred.

From the ESTATE OF EZRA B. McCAGG through Mr. Arthur B. Wells have been received six documents of much interest to Chicago. Among them the following:

Indenture of Lease entered into between Hiram Hugunin, Geo. W. Dole, Saml. Jackson, Eli B. Williams, Francis C. Sherman, James Kinzie, Alexander Loyd, Walter Kimball and Byram King, Trustees of the Town of Chicago, and Peter Bolles. Signed on November 23, 1835, by above named persons.

Document signed by Nathan H. Bolles as Administrator of Estate of Peter Bolles, Deceased, assigning rights in above indenture to William B. Bolles. Attested to by Chas. G. Wicker. Dated April 5, 1842. (Appended to above document.)

Indenture between the City of Chicago and Walter S. Gurnee & Edmund D. Taylor for the conveyance of *the title to a certain Wharfing Lot*, dated

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Apr. 1, 1848. Signed by James H. Woodworth, Mayor, W. S. Gurnee, E. D. Taylor. Attest, S. Abell, clerk. Seal of the City of Chicago.

Indenture entered into by the City of Chicago and George Steel regarding improvement of the channel of the river, etc., affecting property on N. Water St. owned by George Steel. Signed by George Steel, James H. Woodworth, Mayor, and attested to by S. Abell, clerk, Dec. 15, 1848. Seal of the City of Chicago.

MR. F. D. SHAW, of Evanston, presented 26 manuscript deeds dated in Chicago before the fire, also a pocket map of the city in 1875.

One of the most important gifts during this period was received from ROSWELL T. SPENCER and consists largely of documents once the property of his father and grandfather, Marshall S. and Stephen W. Spencer who came to Illinois in 1822. Many of the land grants and other legal documents of this collection are signed by early governors of Illinois and presidents of the United States, and relate to Mr. Spencer's family.

From DR. S. S. BISHOP through Dr. Schmidt was received a collection of 262 manuscripts, the same being government land patents, signed by Presidents Tyler and Van Buren, also deeds to and from a certain Solomon Juneau, tax certificates and miscellaneous papers respecting property in Milwaukee. Some of the papers were drawn when Milwaukee was in the Territory of Michigan.

From its author MR. D. D. JAMES, of Mattoon, Ill., was received a manuscript entitled, "The Genesis of Fame: Taciturn Captain Grant and the 21st Illinois Regiment."

"The Chronicles of the Sumner," a substantial volume, is an interesting example of youthful literary effort. A letter inserted in the front of the volume reads:

"This bound volume of 'The Chronicles of the Sumner' is affectionately dedicated to the youth of our country. Thirty-four years ago on March 18, 1875, a number of Chicago West Side School boys organized the Sumner Literary Society. The object was 'the mental improvement of its members.' The Society met weekly for about six

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years. It published this journal in the handwriting of the editors. . . . Every year on the last Saturday night in March the members meet and renew the close friendships formed in the old days of the famous Literary Society." The gift of the SOCIETY.

From MR. C. F. GUNTHER was received an autograph manuscript of "America," by S. F. Smith.

Attention is directed to the genealogies in manuscript of the Beaubien, Helm and Kinzie families mentioned under the heading BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY.

It is earnestly hoped that the other early residents will follow the example of these families in gathering and filing their records with the Historical Society, as before many years have passed some of the information now available will be impossible to obtain and the future historian of Chicago will thus be deprived of one of his most valuable assets.

LINCOLNIANA.

"Abraham Lincoln, the Type of American Genius; an Historical Romance," by Rufus Blanchard, Wheaton, Ill., 1882. The gift of MRS. MARY ANN HUBBARD.

"Abraham Lincoln; Address delivered before the Men's League of the Broadway Tabernacle, Feb. 13, 1908," by Col. H. O. S. Heistand, New York, 1909. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"Abraham Lincoln; Personal Reminiscences of the Martyred President," by Dr. William Jayne, Chicago: *Grand Army Hall and Memorial Association*, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Abraham Lincoln's Werdegang und Laufbahn," by Emil Mannhardt, n. p., 1909. The gift of the DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHE HISTORISCHE GESELLSCHAFT VON ILLINOIS.

"Abraham Lincoln; Memorial Address, 1909," by S. Schechter, New York, 1909. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"Abraham Lincoln," by Robert Dickinson Sheppard, Milwaukee, 1899. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

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"Abraham Lincoln," by Henry Watterson. (*Cosmopolitan Magazine*, March, 1909.) The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"Address Delivered at Cooper Institute, Feb. 27, 1860," by Abraham Lincoln, New York, 1860. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"Appleton's Magazine, Feb., 1909; Lincoln number." The gift of MISS MABEL MCILVAINE.

"Bill Arp, So Called; a Side Show of the Southern Side of the War," by Charles H. Smith, New York, 1866—

"The Boy Lincoln," by Wm. O. Stoddard, New York, 1905.

"Boyhood of Lincoln," by Eleanor Atkinson, New York, 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"The Campaign in Illinois, Speech of Senator Trumbull, at Chicago, August 7, 1858; His Private Opinion of Douglas Publicly Expressed," Washington, 1858.

"Centenary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln, Program of Exercises in Commemoration of that Event," Washington, *Oldroyd*, 1908.

"The Chicago Bar Association Dinner in Commemoration of Abraham Lincoln as a Lawyer, Feb. 11, 1909." The gift of the ASSOCIATION.

"Col. McClure's Statement of Lincoln's Journey," n. p. 1908. The gift of MR. RUSSEL JONES.

"Consideration on the Slavery Question, Addressed to the President of the United States, New York, December 24th, 1862." The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Exercises in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln," *Columbia University*, 1909. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

Facsimile of Lincoln's Letter to Mrs. Bixby. The gift of BERRY BROTHERS.

"Father Abraham," by Ida M. Tarbell. (*The American Magazine*, Feb., 1909.) The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"Greeley on Lincoln, with Mr. Greeley's Letters,"

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LINCOLNIANA.

by Joel Benton, New York, 1893. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"History and Evidence of the Passage of Abraham Lincoln from Harrisburg, Pa., to Washington, D. C., on the 22nd and 23rd of Feb., 1861," Chicago: *Pinkerton's National Detective Agency*, 1906. The gift of MR. RUSSEL JONES.

"How Abraham Lincoln Became President," by J. McCan Davis, Springfield, Ill., 1908. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"In Lincoln's Honor," by J. B. Oakleaf. (*Augustana Observer*, March, 1909.) The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Later Life and Religious Sentiments of Abraham Lincoln," by J. A. Reed. (*Scribner's Magazine*, July, 1873.)

"Letter and Short Poem on the Death of Abraham Lincoln," by B. B. French, Albany, 1870. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"Letter to His Excellency Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States," by Peter Cooper, New York, *n. d.* The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"The Life and Adventures, Songs, Services and Speeches of Private Miles O'Reilly," from the New York Herald, New York, *Carleton*, 1864.

"Life, Speeches and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln," New York: *Reed & Carleton*, 1860. The gift of MR. A. S. CHAPMAN.

"Lincoln and Booth; a Chronicle of Their Last Days," by Clara E. Laughlin. (*Hampton's Magazine*, Feb., 1909.) The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"Lincoln Centennial Memorial, Feb. 13, 1909, under the Auspices of The Chicago Public Library," Chicago, 1909. The gift of the LIBRARY.

"Lincoln Farm Almanac, 1909," Philadelphia, 1909. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"Lincoln Grand March; Song and Accompaniment," by F. W. Rauch, Cincinnati, 1860.

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"List of Books and Magazine Articles on Abraham Lincoln," Chicago: *Chicago Public Library*, 1909. The gift of the LIBRARY.

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"Personal Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln," by Dr. Wm. Jayne. *n. p.*, 1907. The gift of the AUTHOR.

Dr. Jayne's writings are the result of close personal contact with Lincoln. He is the son of William Jayne who with two other Canal Commissioners laid out the town of Chicago in 1829.

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"Recollections of Abraham Lincoln," E. S. Baker, Ms. The gift of DR. SAMUEL WILLARD.

"Recollections of Lincoln," by J. O. Cunningham, n. p., 1908. The gift of the AUTHOR.

Mr. Cunningham knew Mr. Lincoln while they both traveled the circuit in Illinois.

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"Speeches of Abraham Lincoln," New York, 1908. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"The Sun," New York, Feb. 12, 1909, Lincoln number. The gift of MISS MABEL MCILVAINE.

"Tim Webster, Spy of the Rebellion," Chicago: *Pinkerton's National Detective Agency*, 1906. The gift of MR. RUSSEL JONES.

"To Gutzon Borglum's Head of Lincoln," a sonnet by Mrs. Eleanor Atkinson. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"The Unwritten History of the Assassination," by

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Richard Mitchell Smoot, Clinton, Mass., 1908. The gift of ORRA L. STONE.

No. 76 of 100 copies of this exceedingly curious document, privately printed for Mr. Stone, being a reprint of the first edition all but five of which were destroyed in the Baltimore fire of 1904.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

"Alton Daily Courier," Geo. M. Brown, Publisher, 1858-59, Alton, Ill. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

Started in 1852 as a Democratic organ this paper in the excitement growing out of the Missouri Compromise became Republican. The Lincoln-Douglas debates are fully reported in its columns, the Alton debate, the seventh and last in the series, being given verbatim, and the demonstrations accompanying it dramatically described. The editorial of October 15th begins "We feel good—we do. Not even the terrible thrashing LINCOLN will give DOUGLAS to-day, can add to our happiness."

"The Baptist Helmet," "Fayette Yeoman," "Fayette County Democrat," "Illinois State Register," "The Age of Steam," and "Vandalia Free Press," all published at Vandalia; "The Western Pioneer," and "Illinois Temperance Advocate," published at Alton; "The Illinoian," and "Western Star," published at Jacksonville; the "Nashville Journal," published at Nashville, Washington County, Ill.; and "The Belleville Advocate," published at Belleville, are some of the newspapers in a collection given by MR. E. M. ASHCRAFT.

"Chicago Chronicle," Jan., 1896-May, 1907, Chicago, 1896-1907, 47 vols. The gift of MR. HARRY LINCOLN SAYLER.

"Chicago Democrat," 1844-1859, Chicago: *John Wentworth*.

The first newspaper published in Chicago. Its first volume issued 1833 by John Calhoun is one of the Society's most treasured possessions. Purchased by John Wentworth in 1836, two months after his arrival in Chicago, he being at that time twenty-one years old, was continuously published by him until 1861 when it was merged in the *Chicago Tribune*. Try as the writer might it has been impossible to pass from this old Chicago newspaper without further comment, for it is the best link we have between the present and the past. Nowhere is this more in evidence than in the advertisements as the following names in 1844 will show:

"Thomas Hoyne, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Galena, Ill."; "Scammon & Judd, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, Exchange Building Chicago"; "Richard J. Hamilton, Counsellor and

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Attorney at Law, Office immediately opposite the Post Office, on Clarke Street"; "C. Follansbe, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Liquors, Country Produce &c., Dearborn Street"; "Newberry and Dole, Storage, Forwarding and Commission Merchants, North Water Street"; "A. G. Burley & Co., Importers and Dealers in China, Glass, Earthenware and Looking Glasses, 105 Lake Street"; "Doct. P. Maxwell, late of the U. S. Army, having become a citizen of Chicago offers his services in all the several branches of his profession, Office corner of Lake and Clark Streets"; "Dentistry—Doct. Wm. H. Kennicott, Surgeon Dentist"; "E. Peacock, Clock and Watch Maker, 195 Lake Street, Sign of the Watch"; "The Latest out! L. P. Sanger & Co. have just received from Leary, New York, by steamer Great Western, the Latest New York and London style of hats. We can furnish our customers with an article of exquisite fineness and beauty at New York prices"; "Scammon's Reports, vol. 3, just published by S. F. Gale & Co."

"The Crockett Almanac, 1840," vol. 2, no. 2, Nashville, Tenn.: Ben Harding.

"Der Deutsche Pionier," vol. 1-18, 1869-87, Cincinnati: *Deutschen Pionier Verein*, 1869-87. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

A monthly periodical devoted to western history.

"Gem of the Prairie," volume I., 1844-45, Chicago.

"Some time in 1842 or '43 a couple of young printers, James Beach and K. K. Jones, who were ambitious of gaining the bubble, reputation, conceived the idea of establishing a literary paper, which should 'bring out' the latest genius of Chicago and be a vehicle for it to scintillate and radiate upon the surrounding country. Accordingly, they bought a small second-hand press, a lot of half worn small pica and long primer type, and started the *Gem of the Prairie*. It proved a taking name, and became at once popular among the young folks. Such then youthful writers as Wm. H. Bushnell, Jo. Vial Smith, J. K. C. Forest, Mary A. Clarkson (now wife of Louis D. Hoard) Lila F. Trask, the two daughters of the late James H. Collins, Ed. A. Guilbert, and several other boys and girls, were regular contributors to its columns." (From *Rounds' Printers' Cabinet*, April, 1879.) It was with the printing materials of the *Gem* that the *Chicago Tribune* was launched in 1847, the *Gem* being continued as a weekly, and becoming finally the *Sunday Tribune*.

"Illinois Statesman," edited by J. B. Turner, vol. I, 1843-44, Jacksonville, Ill. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

The above paper contains accounts of the beginning of the Mormon troubles in Illinois. This particular file belonged to the editor, Jonathan Baldwin Turner, who is called "The Father of Land Grant Colleges." It was out of his plan for industrial colleges that the University of Illinois grew.

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"Illinois Temperance Almanac for 1838," vol. I, No. 1, *n. p.*,: *Illinois State Temperance Society*.

"The Lens; a Quarterly Journal of Microscopy," vols. 1-2, Chicago: *The State Microscopical Society*, 1872-73. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Little Fort Porcupine and Democratic Banner," vol. 1-2, 1845-47, Little Fort, Lake County, Ill. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"In 1845 a man named A. S. Wynkoop, anxious to lampoon his enemies, bought a press and some type, took them to Little Fort, now Waukegan, and started a small sheet called the *Little Fort Porcupine*. It was Democratic, but was noted in 1846 for its bitter opposition to John Wentworth for Congress, both before and after his nomination." (From *Rounds' Printers' Cabinet*, Chicago, April, 1879.)

"Prairie Farmer," vols. 11-12, 1851-52, Chicago: *Wright & Haven*, 1851-52.

Founded in 1841 by the Union Agricultural Society, among the officers of which organization were John Dean Caton, William B. Ogden, Joseph Naper, Ebenezer Peck and J. S. Wright, the latter being considered "the ablest agricultural editor of the age."

"New York Weekly Tribune," edited by Greeley & McElrath, vol. I, 1841-42, New York. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

On page five Mr. Greeley says editorially, "The first number of THE NEW YORK WEEKLY TRIBUNE is herewith presented to the public. We hope to render THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE an acceptable and interesting compend to the Literature and Intelligence of the day. We shall labor to deserve the respect of the entire reading community, especially of the WHIGS." That the first of these promises is carried out faithfully is indicated by the following: the first three columns of page one are occupied by a poem entitled "The Legend of the Haunted Tree," by Lilian; page two begins with a chapter of "Barnaby Rudge," by Boz, which the editors say "subscribers not familiar with the story will find interesting." The same number prints the following, "WESTERN COMMERCE—Loud complaints are made throughout the West of a great lack of vessels on the lakes. All the storehouses throughout that country are filled to overflowing with the products of Western Michigan, Northern Indiana and Illinois. The Buffalo Advertiser says that there is not a single good harbor on Lake Michigan." It was such complaints as this that precipitated the "Harbor and River Convention" at Chicago in 1847.

Several weeks later the paper contains a five column account of the dinner to Mr. Dickens given at the City Hotel and attended by three or four hundred citizens presided over by Washington Irving. Mr. Irving is reported to have made a brief and modest speech in

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the course of which he remarked that he "was never prouder of his country and countrymen than at this moment on seeing himself surrounded by such an array of Intellect and Worth of the City, assembled to pay a tribute of admiration to a young stranger who comes among us with no other distinction than such as his Literary career has given him. It refutes the imputation cast upon us that we are a people absorbed in money getting to see such a gathering in a season of much pecuniary embarrassment."

But politics and commerce are not crowded out entirely by literature, for every page teems with invective against Loco Focoism, and the advocacy of Henry Clay for president, while emigration, claim-jumping, taxes and the bad condition of banks form the main news concerning Illinois. An article headed "Light springing up in Illinois," however, indicates the direction from which help may be expected to correct the unwise banking methods of Southern Illinois, for it ends with the words, "The State will not repudiate its debt nor increase it. And to Northern Illinois, Chicago will in all probability be a constant market for produce."

"Western Courier," Aug. 28, Oct. 5, Nov. 5, 1812, Louisville, Ky. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

The first mentioned issue contains the following, "Extract from a letter from a Gentleman in Frankfort, Ky., dated Aug. 25, 1812. 'By account recd. last evening we are informed Chicago (Fort Dearborn) has been taken by a large force of Indians, and every soul (amounting to 80) butchered.'" The massacre occurred Aug. 15, and the news had been ten days in reaching Kentucky.

CHICAGO IMPRINTS.

"By-laws of Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons," Chicago: *Horton & Leonard*, Prs., 1864. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Broadsword Fencing and Stick or Quarterstaff Play," by Giuseppi Riboni, Chicago, *E. B. Meyers*, 1862.

"Catalogue of Paintings, Statuary, etc., Exhibited for the Benefit of Ladies' North-Western Fair in Aid of the Chicago Branch of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, for the Relief of Soldiers; Opened Oct. 27th, 1863, in McVicker's Theatre Building," Chicago, 1863.

"Chicago the Commercial and Financial Centre of Illinois and the Northwest," by S. H. Kerfoot, Chicago, 1861.

"Compilation of Commencement Exercises at Lombard University for the Collegiate Year Ending June 16, 1869," by N. R. Chase and J. A. Yates, Chicago: *Press of Church, Goodman & Donnelley*, 1869.

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CHICAGO IMPRINTS.

"Col. Ellsworth's Requiem March; Song and Accompaniment," by A. J. Vaas, Chicago: *Root & Cady*, n. d. The gift of MR. GEO. ENGELKE.

"Graded Songs for Day Schools, No. 3," by O. Blackman, Chicago: *Root & Cady*, 1868.

"Letter to the Harbor and River Convention," by Gen. Cass, Chicago: *Journal Press*, 1848. Size $1\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

For a description of this curious little book see "Special Exhibits—James K. Polk Exhibit," page 262.

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"North-Western Liberty Almanac for 1847; No. 2," by Z. Eastman, Chicago: *A. H. & C. Burley*.

"Our National Flag," by W. Gibbs, Chicago: *H. M. Higgins*, 1861.

"The Printer: Read before the Franklin Society of the City of Chicago, Oct. 27, 1869; Franklin Publications, 1," by James W. Sheahan, Chicago: *The Franklin Society*, 1869.

"Public Parks, with Special Reference to the City of Chicago," by John H. Rauch, M.D., Chicago: *S. C. Griggs & Co.*, 1869.

"Robert Henry Hendershot; or, The Brave Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock," by William Summer Dodge, Chicago: *Church & Goodman*, 1867.

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"Who'll Save the Left; Song and Accompaniment," by R. Tompkins, Chicago: *Root & Cady*, 1863.

"By Archer Road," vol. 1-3, 1906-8, Chicago: *C. W.* 1906-8. The gift of the PUBLISHER.

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"Chicago Daily News Almanac and Year-Book for 1909," Chicago, 1908. The gift of MR. VICTOR F. LAWSON.

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"Chicago River and Harbor Association River Bulletin," no. 1, May, 1909.

"General Specifications Accompanying the Designs for the Court House and City Hall Competition," by Gothic, of Chicago, Chicago, 1873.

"Great Conspiracy," by Stanley Waterloo. (*Nickell Magazine*, March, 1897.)

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"The Great Conspiracy," by John A. Logan, New York, 1886.

"The Great Fire of Chicago; a Full Account of its Origin and Progress As Seen by Eye Witnesses, and Compiled from Authentic Reports," Indianapolis, 1871.

"Guide to the City of Chicago," Chicago: *The Chicago Association of Commerce*, 1909. The gift of the ASSOCIATION.

"Illustrations of Greater Chicago," Chicago: *J. M. Wing & Co.*, 1875.

"Map Showing the Burnt District in Chicago, Published for the Benefit of the Relief Fund," St. Louis: *The R. P. Studley Co.*, n. d. The gift of W. I. COLLINS.

"The Ruined City; or, The Horrors of Chicago, a Full Description of the Great Fire," New York: *Ornum & Co.*, 1871.

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CHICAGO MISCELLANY.

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"Pioneers of Chicago: Report of Necrologist, 1901-03." Chicago. Printed by the *Chicago News Co.*, 1902-03.

"Synoptical History of the Chicago Fire Department," compiled by James S. McQuade, Chicago: *Benevolent Association of the Paid Fire Department of Chicago*, 1908. The gift of MR. JOHN C. McDONNELL.

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"Annual Announcement of the West End Woman's Club," Chicago, 1893-1909. The gift of the CLUB.

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"History of Morgan County, Illinois," Chicago: *Donnelley, Loyd & Co.*, 1878.

"History of the Presbyterian Church in the State of Illinois, vol 1." by A. T. Norton, St. Louis, 1879.

"History of the Swedes of Illinois," by Ernst W. Olson, Chicago: *Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co.*, 1908. The gift of the PUBLISHERS.

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Contains several chapters on Illinois where he visited his brother John Bryant at Princeton. On Chicago he comments, "When we awoke the next morning our steamer was at Chicago. Any one who had seen this place, as I had done five years ago, when it contained less than five thousand people, would find some difficulty in recognizing it now when its population is more than fifteen thousand. It has its long rows of warehouses and shops, its bustling streets, its huge steamers, and crowds of lake-craft, lying at the wharves; its villas embowered with trees. The slovenly and raw appearance of a new settlement begins in many parts to disappear. The Germans have already a garden in a little grove for their holidays, as in their towns in the old country." (*See also below* "Poems" by John H. Bryant.)

"Map of Bureau County, Illinois, with Sketches of Its Early Settlement," by N. Matson, 2d ed., Chicago: *Tribune Co., Prs.*, 1867.

"The Mormon Prophet and His Harem," by Mrs. C. V. Waite, Chicago: *J. S. Goodman & Co.*, 1867.

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A pamphlet of great rarity.

"Notes on a Journey in America," by Morris Birkbeck, Philadelphia, 1817. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Oration on Occasion of 87th Anniversary of Our National Independence," by O. H. Browning, Quincy, Ill., 1863.

"Pioneers of Menard and Mason Counties," by T. G. Onstot, Forest City, Ill., 1902.

"Poems Written from Youth to Old Age," by John Howard Bryant, Princeton, Ill., 1885. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

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"Report upon the Mineral Resources of the Illinois Central Railroad," by J. W. Foster, New York, 1856.

"Sketches of Early Life and Times in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois," by Maj. Elijah Iles, Springfield, Ill., 1883.

"Speech Delivered at Decatur, Ills., March 28, 1862, before the Democratic Club and Citizens of Macon Co., on the Principles of the Democratic Party and Its Duties and Obligations in the Present Civil War," by Hon. Silas L. Bryan, St. Louis, 1863. The gift of E. M. ASHCRAFT.

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"The Traveler's Directory for Illinois," by J. M. Peck, New York, 1839.

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"Biography of Henry Clay," by Geo. D. Prentice, Hartford, 1831. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Cyrus Hall McCormick and the Reaper," by Reuben Gold Thwaites, Madison, 1909.

"Cyrus Hall McCormick, His Life and Work," by Herbert N. Casson, Chicago: *A. C. McClurg & Co.*, 1909. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"John Foster, the Earliest American Engraver and the First Boston Printer," by Samuel Abbott Green, Boston: *Massachusetts Historical Society*, 1909. The gift of the SOCIETY.

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"Life of Norvel Blair, a Negro Citizen of Morris, Grundy County, Ill.," by himself, Joliet, Ill., 1880. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Life of Thomas Jefferson," by George Tucker, Philadelphia, 1837. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

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"Works of Henry Clay," edited by Calvin Colton, New York, 1897, 7 vols. The gift of MR. JULIUS FRANKEL.

"Genealogy of the De Carpentier Family of Holland," by Edwin Jaquett Sellers, Philadelphia, 1909. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Genealogy of the Greenlee Families," by R. S. and R. L. Greenlee, Chicago, 1908. The gift of MR. RALPH S. GREENLEE.

"Genealogy of the Beaubien or Cuillierier Family," by Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit. *Ms.* The gift of the AUTHOR through Mr. Frank G. Beaubien.

It is said that the founder of this family in America was a companion of LaSalle. Jean Baptist Beaubien was Chicago's second civilian, arriving in 1805.

"Genealogy of John McKenzie." *Ms.* The gift of Mrs. Nellie Kinzie Gordon (Mrs. W. W. Gordon, of Savannah, Ga.)

The son of John McKenzie, the founder of the family in America, was Chicago's first civilian, having brought his family here in 1804 on the completion of the building of Fort Dearborn. Mrs. Gordon is a granddaughter of the last mentioned.

"Notes on the Helm Family," *Ms.* The gift of MRS. W. M. R. FRENCH.

Leonard Helm, who was George Rogers Clark's most valued officer in the Revolutionary campaign in Illinois in 1778, and Lt. Lina T. Helm, who was a member of the garrison of Ft. Dearborn and survived the Massacre of 1812, are members of this family.

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CANADA.

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The preceding volumes form the nucleus of a collection of books on Canada, which Dr. O. L. Schmidt has authorized the Librarian to assemble at his expense, with the object of supplementing the Society's collection of Canadiana, which is at present so fragmentary as to be of little use to students of that period when Illinois was a part of New France. These volumes are of the greatest rarity and their particular interest for us is that they contain references to the movements of La Salle, Tonty, and other explorers.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE,
Librarian.

On motion of MR. WEGG, seconded by MR. RICHARD SCHMIDT, the Librarian's Report was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

MR. KERFOOT, at the request of PRESIDENT HEAD, reviewed briefly the principal features of the Executive Committee's Report, speaking particularly of the work of the Society during the year, its need of a larger membership, and its necessity for increased funds to enable it to publish some of its more valuable archives, and to carry out the plans which the Executive Committee has in mind. He urged the members to carefully read the Society's Year-Book, containing all of the Annual Reports, as the best means of informing themselves on the accomplishments and plans of the Society.

PRESIDENT HEAD then read from the Executive Committee's Report the paragraph stating that the Society is entirely free from debt and its Trust Funds all intact, and yielding revenue with no interest in default. He enlarged upon the necessity for more members, and urged those present to interest themselves to such an extent that each one of them might bring into the Society at least one new member.

The next order of business being the Election of New Members, the Secretary of the Meeting read the following list of those who had been recommended by the Executive Committee for election by the Society:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

RENSSELAER W. COX

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CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

EDWARD OSGOOD BROWN

The Secretary stated that Judge Brown's transfer from Annual Membership to Corresponding Membership was

made at his own request, and that he had expressed the hope that he might soon be able to resume his position as an Annual Member.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the election of members must be by ballot, and on motion of MR. DENT, seconded by DR. SCHMIDT, the Secretary of the Meeting cast the ballot of those members present for the persons recommended as above, and THE PRESIDENT declared them duly elected.

The next order of business being the Election of Officers, THE PRESIDENT stated that the officers to be elected at this meeting, were the President, two Vice-Presidents and two Members of the Executive Committee to serve for the term ending 1913, to succeed DR. SCHMIDT and GENERAL NEWBERRY.

DR. DAVIS moved that the Secretary of the Meeting cast the ballot for the members present for the election, as their own successors, of the present officers whose terms of office expire at this time. The motion being seconded by MR. FULLER, THE PRESIDENT asked if there were any other nominations, stating that he would welcome any that the members desired to make. There being none such, DR. DAVIS' motion was put to vote and unanimously carried.

The Secretary of the Meeting thereupon cast the following ballot as that of the members present, to-wit:

For President, FRANKLIN H. HEAD.

For First Vice-President, THOMAS DENT.

For Second Vice-President, LAMBERT TREE.

And for Members of the Executive Committee:

OTTO L. SCHMIDT, for the term ending 1913.

WALTER C. NEWBERRY, for the term ending 1913.

And THE PRESIDENT declared the foregoing officers re-elected.

Under the heading of New Business, GENERAL NEWBERRY of the Executive Committee asked the attention of the Meeting for a moment. He thanked the members for

the honor of his re-election to the Committee and stated that he desired "to take this opportunity to call the attention of the members to the indefatigable industry, energy and ability of the working officials of the Society, without which little could be accomplished." He called attention particularly to the Annual Reports which were printed and furnished to every member, stating that they should be carefully perused and placed in the hands of all friends of the Society. "These Reports," he said, "will give you some idea of the work done by your able and most efficient Librarian, who with untiring industry and under great difficulties has accomplished much, including picking up records, documents, etc., to supply the place of those lost in the great fire of 1871. We must also recognize the constant personal attention given to the details of the Society's work by the Chairman of the House Committee, who without compensation has also performed the duties of the Secretaryship of the Society, and to whom we are indebted for the completeness of the Annual Reports. This commendation should also include the labors of Miss Jenkins, who has so carefully kept the Society's Records and books of account." In closing, GENERAL NEWBERRY said, "We are so entirely dependent upon our members and the public to sustain and support this institution that it seems to me the only way to reach this source of support is to inform them of the Society's necessities, and its ability to preserve the Historical Records of this great state and territory from its earliest history to this day." He moved that this acknowledgment of the services above mentioned be spread upon the Minutes of the Meeting and incorporated in the Society's Records. The motion was seconded by several members and unanimously carried.

MR. FISHER arose to make a suggestion which he said he thought might work to the advantage of the Society, provided the Executive Committee deemed it practicable to put it into effect. He referred to the fact that the Society's

Building is closed on Sundays and holidays, and stated that he had several times visited the Building, in the hope of gaining admittance, on such days, but had found the doors locked. He said that he had no doubt that many members of the Society and the general public would welcome the opportunity to visit the Society's Building and view its collections on days when they had leisure from their business occupations, and he expressed the thought that the opening of the Building during reasonable hours on Sundays and legal holidays and Saturday afternoons would not only be appreciated by its members, but would tend to increase the Society's popularity and thus add to its membership. For the purpose of bringing the matter definitely before the meeting, MR. FISHER moved that the Society's Building and Collections be open to the members and their friends who care to visit it, on Sundays and holidays, including Saturday afternoons.

GENERAL NEWBERRY moved, seconded by MR. DENT, that MR. FISHER'S Resolution be referred to the Executive Committee. MR. FISHER expressing his satisfaction with this course, the motion was put to vote and carried.

MR. SEIPP offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members present and of the Society at large be tendered to the Officers for their untiring services and zealous efforts in the Society's behalf during the year just closed.

The Resolution having received several seconds, was unanimously carried.

The Librarian then briefly addressed the meeting; she said that she had been informed that at a recent meeting of the New York Historical Society, fifty new names had been added to the Society's Roll of Membership at the nomination of a single member; and stated that this example should serve as an inspiration to the members of the Chicago Historical Society. She also enumerated the several volumes

of this Society's publications which had been published through the generosity of individual members, and mentioned the titles of the several volumes and gave the names of the members who had borne the expense of their publication. She referred briefly but eloquently to the Polk Diary, which the Society owns in twenty-four original manuscript volumes, and which the Executive Committee is now making an effort to publish, and she expressed the hope that some member of the Society might be moved to supply the funds necessary for the consummation of this purpose.

There being no further business, on motion of MR. BURLEY, seconded by MR. FULLER, the meeting adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. KERFOOT, JR.,

Secretary of the Meeting.

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CHARTER.

N ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, it is conducive to the public good of a State to encourage such institutions as have for their object to collect and preserve the memorials of its founders and benefactors, as well as the historical evidences of its progress in settlement and population, and in the arts, improvements, and institutions which distinguish a civilized community, and to transmit the same for the instruction and benefit of future generations:

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That* William H. Brown, William B. Ogden, J. Young Scammon, Mason Brayman, Mark Skinner, Geo. Manierre, John H. Kinzie, J. V. Z. Blaney, E. I. Tinkham, J. D. Webster, W. A. Smallwood, V. H. Higgins, N. S. Davis, Charles H. Ray, S. D. Ward, M. D. Ogden, F. Scammon, E. B. McCagg, and William Barry, all of the City of Chicago, who have associated for the purpose aforesaid, be and are hereby formed into and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY," and that they and their successors, and such others as shall be legally elected by them as their associates, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, forever.

SEC. 2. Said Society shall have power to elect a President, and all necessary officers, and shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew at pleasure; and, as a body politic and corporate, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits, both in law and equity, to final judgment and execution.

SEC. 3. The said Society shall have power to make all orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member, who by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy, or who shall neglect or refuse to observe the rules and by-laws of this Society.

SEC. 4. The said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and is hereby

empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: Provided, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 30, 1867.

CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.

Revised, November 29, 1870.

Amended, January 16, 1883.

Revised, November 21, 1893.

Amended, November 20, 1906.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This Society shall be called the CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Its object shall be to institute and encourage historical inquiry, to collect and preserve the materials of history, and to spread historical information, especially concerning the Northwestern States.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Honorary Life, Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot only at a regular meeting of the Society, and only upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, unless, by unanimous consent, they shall be elected by a *viva-voce* vote cast at a regular meeting by twelve legally-qualified voters. Three adverse ballots or three dissenting votes shall reject the candidate.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership shall be as follows: For Life-Membership, five hundred dollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society: and for Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum, the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; *provided*, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

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They shall perform such duties as are common to such officers or as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any of these offices may be filled by ballot at any special meeting, notice of such election being given in the notice of such meeting.

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SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election, at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

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SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. IV. The By-Laws in whole or in part may be suspended during any special business or annual meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present at any such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended on the same conditions prescribed for amending the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 1910

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading-Room of the Society's building at eight o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, November 15, 1910, pursuant to notice given, as provided by its Constitution.

There was on exhibition the unique Collection of Lewis and Clark literature, presented to the Society during the year by Mr. Charles H. Conover. This Collection of books on the expedition so momentous for the development of the United States has been accorded an interesting description in the Librarian's Report. The year's work of the Society was also marked by the publication of President Polk's Diary, in a set of four volumes, issued in a style worthy of the subject. This publication, reviewed with much praise by the journals and newspapers of the country, has been furnished to all the regular members of the Society and has been put on the book-market to meet the demand of libraries and students.

The Reports of the Officers of the Society are presented herewith. In them is given a complete account of the work done by the Society during the past year with some detail, in the hope that its perusal will have something of interest to the reader and possibly enlist action for the betterment of the Society, by personal work, gift or remembrance of the Society in thought and conversation. Although there is steady growth in the departments of Museum, Library, Publication and so on, nevertheless the Executive Committee feels more than any one else the absolute necessity of the personal co-operation of all the members for the ac-

complishment of the purposes of the Society as formulated by the Incorporators over fifty years ago.

The Society was called to order by PRESIDENT HEAD at half past eight; DR. SCHMIDT was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The following members were present: CLARENCE A. BURLEY, CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, NATHAN S. DAVIS, THOMAS DENT, GEORGE H. FERGUS, LUCIUS J. FISHER, JULIUS FRANKEL, WILLIAM A. FULLER, CHARLES F. GUNTHER, CHALKLEY JAY HAMBLETON, HENRY E. HAMILTON, FRANKLIN H. HEAD, SEYMOUR MORRIS, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, JAMES H. ROBERTS, FRED M. SCHMIDT, OTTO L. SCHMIDT, RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, JAMES S. STONE; also the Librarian.

The first order of business being the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, MR. BURLEY moved, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as the proceedings had been published in the 1909 Year-Book and distributed among the members; there being no objection, it was so ordered by THE PRESIDENT.

The next order of business was Reports of Officers, the originals of which were on the Secretary's table; they had been printed in pamphlet form and were distributed to the members present.

The Secretary of the Meeting then presented the Executive Committee's Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1910.

To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society :

GENTLEMEN:—The Executive Committee, in conformity with the Society's Constitution, has the honor to submit its Annual Report as follows:

FUNDS.

During the year the Society's funds have been increased by two additions, accruing from the sale of the James Madison and James K. Polk papers to the United States Government for the Library of Congress, for the aggregate sum of \$13,500, in cash. This amount by resolutions of the Executive Committee has been apportioned to and now constitutes the Marshall Field Fund of \$10,000, and the Polk Diary Fund of \$3,500.

The Society's funds now consist of twelve special funds and a general fund.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$67,218.90, as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are EUGENE H. FISHBURN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY and WALTER L. FISHER, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officiis*. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 305. The late Erskine M. Phelps was the other trustee at the time of his death.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used

in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in a cottage and twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. Necessary repairs on the cottage and taxes on the property have been advanced out of the General Fund and these are in part still due that fund. The account stands as follows:

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|---|---------|---------|
| Balance due General Fund, Oct. 31, 1909.. | \$33.12 | |
| Paid General Fund (rebate on taxes).... | | \$ 1.74 |
| Advanced by General Fund, taxes, 1910.. | 17.37 | |
| Balance due General Fund, Oct. 31, 1910.. | | 48.75 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$50.49 | \$50.49 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

| | | |
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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909.. | \$126.81 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund on account binding | | \$107.84 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1910.. | | 68.97 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$176.81 | \$176.81 |

THE MARSHALL FIELD FUND consists of \$10,000, being the proceeds of the sale to the United States Government for the Library of Congress, of the eleven volumes of papers of President James Madison, which were purchased by Mr. Edward G. Mason in 1893 for the Society, with funds donated for that purpose by Mr. Marshall Field. By resolution of the Executive Committee it was voted that this fund should remain intact and the income therefrom be used toward defraying the expenses of editing, printing and distributing the Society's publications. Five thousand dollars of this Fund is invested in five \$1,000 Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company's General four per cent bonds. The balance, to-wit: \$5,010.33 is in the hands of the Chairman of the Finance Committee awaiting the delivery of securities already purchased by that Committee. The account of this fund stands as follows:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Received from United States Govern- ment | \$10,000.00 | |
| Paid for Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Bonds | | \$ 4,989.67 |
| Paid Finance Committee for invest- ment | | 5,010.33 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |

Since the rendering of this account the Chairman of the Finance Committee has delivered to the Treasurer five (5) \$1.000 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy four per cent bonds.

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett, and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Received interest on bonds..... | \$50.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$50.00 |
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THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington W. Jackson. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909. | \$106.14 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 | |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1910. | | \$156.14 |
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| | \$156.14 | \$156.14 |

THE POLK DIARY FUND of \$3,500 was created out of the proceeds of the sale to the United States Government for the Library of Congress, of the twenty-four volumes of diary and the letters and papers of President James K. Polk purchased by the Society in 1901 with funds collected for that purpose. By order of the Executive Committee it has been set aside, the income to be used for defraying the expenses of editing, publishing and distributing the Society's publications, *provided* that such money as shall be necessary may be advanced towards the expenses of the publication of the Polk Diary, such advances to be repaid into the fund as promptly as possible out of the proceeds and profits of sales

of said Diary. The fund consists of \$3,500, the original purchase price paid by the Society for the Polk manuscripts. The account stands as follows:

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|--|------------|------------|
| Received from United States Government | \$3,500.00 | |
| Paid General Fund on account publication Polk Diary | | \$1,500.00 |
| Paid the Chairman Publication Committee to meet the liabilities incurred by the Committee..... | | 2,000.00 |
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| | \$3,500.00 | \$3,500.00 |

THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents or pictures and paintings of historical interest. The fund is now invested in:

Four \$1,000 four and one-half per cent South Side Elevated Railway Company's bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent People's Gas Light and Coke Company's Refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company's bond.

One \$1,000 four per cent first mortgage Metropolitan Elevated West Side Railway Company's bond.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909 | \$1,007.13 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 640.00 | \$1,647.13 |
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| Paid General Fund on account books purchased | \$215.00 | |
| Paid for books and periodicals..... | 61.46 | \$276.46 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1910 | | \$1,370.67 |

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, as a memorial to her husband, Edward Swan Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney

Library and making additions thereto. It is invested in five \$1,000 general mortgage, four per cent bonds of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The account of this fund stands as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | | |
| 1909 | \$832.80 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 200.00 | \$1,032.80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Paid for Miami Dictionary..... | | 25.00 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | | <hr/> |
| 1910 | | \$1,007.80 |

THE LUCRETIA J. TILTON FUND consists of \$3,000, bequeathed to the Society by the late Lucretia Jane Tilton, as a memorial to her husband, Lucian J. Tilton. It is invested in three \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Chicago City Railway Company. The account stands as follows:

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received interest on bonds..... | \$150.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$150.00 |
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THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received interest on bonds..... | \$250.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$250.00 |
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THE HENRY J. WILLING FUND consists of \$2,500 bequeathed to the Society by the late Henry Jenkins Willing. The full amount is invested in two \$1,000 City of Mobile, Alabama, four and one-half per cent bonds, and one \$500 four per cent bond of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The following account shows the condition of this fund:

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received interest on bonds..... | \$110.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$110.00 |
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THE GENERAL FUND, from which the general expenditures of the Society are made, is derived principally from the annual dues of members, together with such gifts as are made from time to time without special restrictions. The account of this fund stands as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1909..... | \$ 1,021.41 | |
| Dues from Annual Members..... | 4,453.00 | |
| Trustees of Gilpin Fund..... | 2,100.00 | |
| Donations | 126.71 | |
| Received from Burr Fund..... | 1.74 | |
| Received from Carpenter Fund..... | 107.84 | |
| Received from Garrett, Tilton, Wat- kins and Willing Funds..... | 560.00 | |
| Received from Polk Diary Fund..... | 1,500.00 | |
| Received from United States Govern- ment for Madison and Polk Papers.. | 13,500.00 | |
| Received from Pond Fund for books.. | 215.00 | |
| Received for Society's publications.... | 75.17 | |
| Interest and other sources..... | 172.20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$23,833.07 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 4,038.75 | |
| Repairs and betterments..... | 430.83 | |
| Printing proceedings, invitations, etc.. | 690.20 | |
| Taxes advanced, Burr Fund..... | 17.37 | |
| Paid for binding and repairs on books. | 107.84 | |
| Paid for books and periodicals..... | 215.00 | |
| Paid on account publishing Polk Diary. | 1,500.00 | |
| Paid Marshall Field Fund..... | 10,000.00 | |
| Paid Polk Diary Fund..... | 3,500.00 | |
| General Expenses | 1,691.86 | |
| Cash on hand, Oct. 31, 1910..... | 1,641.22 | |
| | <hr/> | \$23,833.07 |

TRIAL BALANCE.

OCTOBER 31, 1910.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | | \$227,641.22 |
| Jonathan Burr Fund..... | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter Fund..... | | 1,068.97 |
| Marshall Field Fund..... | | 10,000.00 |
| T. Mauro Garrett Fund..... | | 1,000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin Fund..... | | 67,218.90 |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund..... | | 1,156.14 |
| Lucretia Pond Fund..... | | 14,870.67 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund..... | | 6,007.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton Fund..... | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins Fund..... | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing Fund..... | | 2,500.00 |
| Bills Receivable..... | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Bonds | 42,000.00 | |
| *Real Estate | 227,000.00 | |
| Trustees Henry D. Gilpin Fund.... | 67,218.90 | |
| Cash | 4,244.80 | |
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| | \$341,463.70 | \$341,463.70 |

*Society's Building and Land.....\$225,000.00
 Burr Fund Lots..... 2,000.00

DIGEST OF TRIAL BALANCE.

| FUND | Cash | Bills Rec'bl | Bonds | Real Estate | Trustees Gilpin Fund | TOTALS |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| General | \$1,641.22 | \$1,000 | | \$225,000 | | \$227,641.22 |
| Jonathan Burr..... | | | | 2,000 | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter..... | 68.97 | | \$ 1,000 | | | 1,068.97 |
| Marshall Field | | | 10,000 | | | 10,000.00 |
| T. Mauro Garrett..... | | | 1,000 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin..... | | | | | \$67,218.90 | 67,218.90 |
| Huntington W. Jackson | 156.14 | | 1,000 | | | 1,156.14 |
| Lucretia Pond..... | 1,370.67 | | 13,500 | | | 14,870.67 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney.. | 1,007.80 | | 5,000 | | | 6,007.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton..... | | | 3,000 | | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins..... | | | 5,000 | | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing..... | | | 2,500 | | | 2,500.00 |
| Totals..... | \$4,244.80 | \$1,000 | \$42,000 | \$227,000 | \$67,218.90 | \$341,463.70 |

The Treasurer's Report is appended, and appears on pages 306-307.

NOVEMBER 10, 1910.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Chicago Historical Society and of Orson Smith, its Treasurer, for the year ending October 31, 1910, the vouchers for every disbursement, and the securities in the custody of the Treasurer, and that we find the same correct and as reported.

WALTER C. NEWBERRY,
CHARLES F. GUNTHER,
Auditing Committee.

The Executive Committee feels that it may congratulate the Society upon the achievements of the fiscal year just ended. The Reports printed herewith give in much detail the results of the work accomplished in the several departments of the Society's field of labors, and the Committee commends to the members a thorough reading of the Year-Book for the year 1910. It should arouse their pride by reason of their Society's position and rank, which is yearly becoming more widely known, more fully recognized and more highly exalted in the nation's institutions of learning and of letters. The acquisition of the "Conover Collection" donated to us through the generosity and loyalty of one of our members makes the Society the owner of the most complete library in existence of the Lewis and Clark travels, representing years of work by a zealous collector, and constituting an unique and priceless treasure of which the world may well envy us.

The publication of the Polk Diary in four beautiful volumes has elicited flattering eulogies of the Society's valuable contribution to the materials of history from the highest of the country's literary critics and scholarly publications. The Librarian's Report illustrates these facts and elaborates them with commendable detail, and the Executive Committee hopes that that Report may prove to the members what the Society, its work, and its Library stand for in this community and in the intellectual world.

The accession of forty-six annual members to the Society's ranks proves that the appeals of the Executive Committee, reiterated year after year, have not been in vain. Many of these are scions of early Chicago families, one of them a descendant of the Ogdens, who furnished Chicago its first Mayor, and still others who have shown that the

newer families also have a pride in the city's past as well as in its present and its future.

The "priceless heritage" mentioned in our Annual Report for last year as bequeathed to their descendants by the founders of this Society, has been recognized by the present generation, one of whom, in accepting membership, said "noblesse oblige!" May this praiseworthy sentiment possess hundreds of our citizens, both men and women, and inspire them to join our ranks, adding to our effectiveness and enabling us to carry on, in still greater measure, the important work entrusted to us and imposed upon us by the fathers.

In this connection the Executive Committee desires to express and record its grateful appreciation of the achievements of the Special Committee on Membership, and to thank them in the name of the Society for their zealous services in its behalf. These gentlemen volunteered their services on this Committee early in the month of March, and in four months brought thirty-six additions to our membership.

For the eighth time in annual succession the Executive Committee takes pleasure in reporting that the Society is *entirely free from debt*; that all of its trust funds are intact and safely invested in interest-bearing securities, and that there is no matured interest in arrears. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Gilpin Trustees, presented herewith, show the condition of the Society's several Endowment Funds. As required by the Society's Constitution, the income from these Funds is being expended only in the several branches of the Society's work for which they were respectively established.

To these Funds there have been added during the year the Marshall Field Fund of \$10,000 and the Polk Diary Fund of \$3,500, as set out in full on pages 264-266 of this Report. It is hoped that large accessions to the Funds may come to the Society through further gifts and bequests from its members, thus enabling it to publish and give to the world much more of the invaluable material contained in the priceless documents and original manuscripts still unpublished in its collections. Such gifts or bequests, if only of one thousand dollars by each member, would in time yield an aggregate of over a quarter of a million dollars, the income from which would enable the Society annually to publish some unique document which would immeas-

urably enhance its prestige as a contributor to the world's historical knowledge, thus bringing it to the front rank among kindred institutions.

The cash balance to the credit of the General Fund as shown by the Trial Balance (page 269) is somewhat larger than at the beginning of the year, owing to the dues paid by new members, and to strict economy on the part of the Executive Committee. The "Repairs and Betterments" included a thorough overhauling of the heating plant and the new decoration of the main vestibule and the Committee's office. The plans of the Committee embrace the renewing of the interior mural decoration of the Main Hall, the Reading Room, the Lecture Hall and the Museum, as soon as the Society has the necessary available funds. This improvement is absolutely imperative since the walls and ceilings have become so discolored, in nine years, as to excite unfavorable comment by visitors. About one thousand dollars (\$1,000) should be expended on this work; the result would be not only vastly to improve the appearance of the building and make it more cleanly and comfortable for the Society's staff, but also to render its collections more attractive and far more helpful to readers and scholars and all persons engaged in serious study and research.

The Executive Committee being in daily touch with the workings of the Society is in a position to realize, more keenly than do the members, the Society's great value to the community, and to appreciate the *far greater value* which it *should* be, and *would* be, if its funds were adequately increased. Its Annual Membership should be at least doubled to augment the Society's income from dues for its proper maintenance, and its endowment should be multiplied many fold, in order that it may extend its usefulness, broaden the field of its labors, and greatly enlarge the sphere of its influence.

The Executive Committee does not hesitate thus to publish and reiterate the fact of the Society's pecuniary needs, nor will it feel justified in ceasing to do so until the necessity has been removed. In the interest of the Society, it therefore again appeals to the members to aid it in at least doubling the membership, and to bear in mind the Society's poverty when making their bequests.

For the generosity of its benefactors proven by their bequests and donations in the past, the Society through its

Executive Committee again records its gratitude. Their help was timely; their gifts were generous; their example is worthy of emulation. Their names are spread upon the Society's records and constitute a Roll of Honor in the city's history. May we not hope that this acknowledgment will inspire their descendants and their successors, unto the third and fourth generation, to follow their example and insure prosperity to the Society, and elevate it to the high place, of which none is more worthy, in the institutions of our city and our country.

MEETINGS.

During the year just closed, the meetings of the Society have been held with accustomed regularity, and historical papers of great value have been read. The product of the year will furnish good material toward continuing the Society's series of Proceedings.

On November 16, 1909, the Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Reading-Room and is reported in full in the Year-Book for 1909.

On the evening of Tuesday, December 7, 1909, a special meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, at which Mr. Henry Eduard Legler, Librarian of The Chicago Public Library, delivered an illustrated lecture, entitled: "The King of Beaver Island." He gave a very interesting account of the Kingdom founded on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan by James Jesse Strang, an episode of the Mormon invasion of the Northwest Territory and the effort to found "States of Zion" in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. Mr. Legler's lecture was the result of personal visits to Beaver Island and interviews with survivors of the old Mormon community, as well as extensive research among the printed records, and forms a valuable contribution to the history of Mormonism. As illustrations Mr. Legler presented upon the screen reproductions of many rare items of Mormoniana, pictures of those prominent in Mormon history, and views of the Community on Beaver Island both in its flourishing condition and its decadence. In the Reading-Room had been arranged an exhibit of manuscripts, different editions of the

Book of Mormon, and pamphlets from the Society's collections; notable among them being the first edition of the Book of Mormon published at Palmyra, N. Y., in 1830, now exceedingly rare, and autograph letters of James J. Strang and Joseph Smith.

On Tuesday evening, January 18, 1910, a special meeting of the Society was held, at which Herman G. James, J. D., delivered an address entitled: "A Study in Illinois Constitutional History"; and a paper by James Alton James, Ph. D., Professor of American History in Northwestern University, was read, entitled: "Indian Diplomacy at the Opening of the Revolution in the West." Dr. H. G. James presented a painstaking and valuable analytical study of the Preamble of the Constitution of Illinois, comparing it with the preambles of the constitutions of the other States of the Union at that time. He carefully considered the boundary clauses of the Constitution of the State of Illinois from the time when James I., in 1609, granted to the London Company the territory now comprised within the State of Illinois, down through the Enabling Act of 1818 when the northern boundary of Illinois was finally settled after long controversy. This paper has been published during the year. Cards of Invitation to the meeting were sent to the Chicago Bar Association. Owing to the absence of Dr. James Alton James his paper was read by Mr. Arnold B. Hall.

On the evening of Thursday, February 3, 1910, the Society held a special meeting in the Lecture Hall to hear Professor Hjalmar Rued Holand, of Ephraim, Wisconsin, speak upon "The Oldest Document of American History." Mr. Holand spoke before the German Historical Society upon the same subject last year, but had added much valuable information that he had gleaned since that time. "The Oldest Document" is a Runestone of Scandinavian origin, bearing the date 1362, found in Central Minnesota in 1898. Following this meeting a general discussion as to the authenticity of the inscriptions on the stone was held and many interesting points were brought out.

On the evening of Thursday, March 17, 1910, the Society held a special meeting at which Dr. Charles Bert Reed read chapters from his recently published book: "The First Great Canadian; The Story of Pierre LeMoyne, Sieur D'Iberville, 1661-1706." Dr. Reed gave his audience the

fruits of extensive investigations into the career of Iberville, and reviewed his life from the days of his boyhood as a member of the remarkable LeMoyne family, through all the daring and romantic adventures of his manhood.

On Tuesday evening, April 19, 1910, a special meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, at which Mr. Eaton G. Osman read a paper, on "Starved Rock: A Chapter of Colonial History." Mr. Osman being a native of LaSalle County has had exceptional opportunities for investigating this locality, and, inspired by an interest born of his boyhood adventures and recollections he has made a deep study of the history of the Rock. He carried his audience through the various epochs of its history; Marquette's and Joliet's passing in canoes when on their voyage up the Illinois in 1673; the great LaSalle's selection of this point as the citadel of the colony he proposed to plant in the Illinois Country; the building of Fort St. Louis with the help of his faithful Tonty, as a trading-post and bulwark against the savage Iroquois; the period of Tonty's sway as governor; the decline of the power of the French, and the final abandonment of Starved Rock as a stronghold; its temporary lapse back to barbarism; its years of peace as the sentinel of the fertile and prosperous valley of the Illinois; and lastly the efforts of loyal Illinoisians to have it set aside as a State Park, and the appointment of a Commission by the Governor of the State to negotiate the purchase of the site. Several have expressed the hope that Mr. Osman's paper may soon be published. For this meeting a special exhibit had been arranged in the Reading-Room, embracing a letter written by LaSalle to his followers at the Rock, dated "Chicagou, September 1, 1683," one of the Society's choicest possessions; Indian arrow heads picked up on the site of Fort St. Louis, and early editions of LaSalle, Hennepin and Tonty.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 24, 1910, a pleasing and interesting innovation took the place of the usual formal meeting, when the Commercial Club joined the Society in a Chicago program. Mr. Frederick Francis Cook, Secretary of the United Charities of New York City, delivered the address of the evening: "Chicago: A Retrospect and a Prophecy," illustrated with stereopticon views. Upon this occasion, Mr. Jules Lombard, the venerable singer of Civil

War days, was the guest of honor and favored the audience by singing "The Battle Cry of Freedom" and other songs that he used to sing when he toured the country imparting courage to all who heard him during the dark days of the war. For the younger ones present who knew Mr. Lombard only by hearsay it was an event to see and hear him; and to the older ones it recalled many cherished memories. Mr. Cook, the author of "Bygone Days in Chicago," recently published, was a young reporter for the Chicago Times in the 60's and, on account of his intimate association with the events of that time, was well qualified to tell of the Chicago of that day. His "Retrospect" of Chicago was illustrated with views of buildings, residences and localities before the Fire, and his "Prophecy" with the slides made from the Commercial Club and Chicago Plan Commission's views of the Chicago Beautiful of the future, loaned for the occasion by these associations. In the Reading-Room were assembled "The Ivy Green Series of Early Chicago Views" by Mr. William H. Gale, the Palmarary Map of Chicago in 1857, and an exhibit of programs and invitations antedating the Fire. After the exercises an informal reception was tendered Mr. Cook.

Several times during the year the Executive Committee has extended the courtesy of the Society's Building to other societies, by whom the following meetings have been held.

On the evening of February 24, 1910, the Cook County Real Estate Board held a meeting in the rooms of this Society to which the Society's members were invited. The address of the evening was by Mr. Samuel Sewell Greeley, a member of the Society, the title being "The Evolution of a City." Mr. Greeley from his sixty years' residence and active life in Chicago, and his intimacy as a surveyor with the changes that have taken place here, was better qualified perhaps than any other person to speak upon the subject. He reviewed the successive changes from the time of the first Fort Dearborn, touching upon the early roads into Chicago and their evolution into thriving business streets; the changes made in the contour of the river and the controversies arising out of them; his recollection of Abraham Lincoln in the celebrated case involving a sand bar title, surveys of which Mr. Greeley had made and in which case he

had appeared as a witness ; the coming of railroads and the growth of industries following fast upon them ; the financial difficulties of the latter 50's and their effect on the young city ; the period of rapid growth down to the greatness of the Chicago of today. Mr. Greeley's paper has been deposited with the Society and will be of great interest and value to future historians of this city.

On the evening of Saturday, June 4, 1910, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Hiram W. Thomas Memorial Association on the occasion of their presentation to this Society of a marble bust of Dr. Hiram Washington Thomas, by Adelaide Johnson of Washington, D. C. The address of the evening was by Professor John F. Eberhart, one-time preceptor and a life-long friend of Dr. Thomas, who from his intimate association with him and insight into his character, gave a pleasing and valuable estimation of him. This was followed by brief remarks by Mr. James B. Smiley, who reviewed Dr. Thomas' life from the standpoint of intellectual attainment, and by Mrs. Thomas who was prevailed upon to say a few words upon the home life of her husband.

On Thursday evening, June 9, 1910, the Kinzie School Alumni Association held a meeting in the Lecture Hall of the Society's Building, at which Carroll Storrs Alden, Ph. D., Instructor in English at the United States Naval Academy, delivered an illustrated lecture, entitled: "On the Borderland of Arcadia: Narrative of a Trip through Greece in 1908." Dr. Alden gave in this lecture the fruits of his personal experiences and observations, illustrated by photographs which he himself had taken while touring Greece.

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 8, 1910, the Chicago Press League held a meeting in the Society's Building in commemoration of "Chicago Day," the legend chosen for the program being "Wise was the choice which led our sires To kindle here their household fires." The program consisted of music and recollections of earlier Chicago.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is particularly gratifying to the Executive Committee to report that the past year marks a much desired increase in the Society's Membership. The removal by death of many whose association has meant strength for the Society reminds us once more that only as accessions to our roll are secured, especially from the younger elements in the city's life, can our usefulness be maintained, and the purposes for which the Society was founded, be fostered. Continued effort must be made to accomplish this result. While the Executive Committee feel keenly the need of a larger membership they acknowledge with gratitude the fidelity and interest of the present members who are carrying on its affairs, and whose efforts have made possible its present attainments. The thanks of the Society and of the Executive Committee are especially due the Membership Committee, Messrs. Burley, Conover, Merryweather, Morris, Porter, Scott and Willing, who have been untiring in their labors to secure new members and with the result shown below.

During the fiscal year there have been added to the Society's roll, including those elected this evening, forty-six Annual and nine Corresponding Members, as follows:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

BENJAMIN ALLEN
CYRUS BENTLEY
SAMUEL EUGENE BLISS
EUGENE JACKSON BUFFINGTON
WILLIAM H. BUSH
EDWARD BURGESS BUTLER
EDWARD FRANCIS CARRY
HELEN LESLIE CARTER
STEWART CLARK
SAMUEL J. CLARKE
DANIEL FRANCIS CRILLY
CHARLES G. DAWES
JOSEPH HOLTON DEFREES
BERNARD A. ECKHART
STANLEY FIELD
DAVID ROBERTSON FORGAN
JAMES BERWICK FORGAN

ROBERT FORSYTHE
CHARLES MORGAN HEWITT
WILLIAM GOLD HIBBARD, JR.
MARVIN HUGHITT
FRANK G. LOGAN
FRANK ROSWELL McMULLIN
ALBERT F. MADLENER
GEORGE MANIERRE
DARIUS MILLER
JOHN STOCKER MILLER
JOHN R. MORRON
POTTER PALMER, JR.
JOHN BARTON PAYNE
KATE TYRRELL PECK
PAUL CHRISTIAN PETERSON
GEORGE FRENCH PORTER
JULIUS ROSENWALD
EDWARD PERRY RUSSELL
JOSEPH SCHAFFNER
ROBERT LINDSAY SCOTT
JAMES SIMPSON
ANNA RICE SMITH
ALBERT ARNOLD SPRAGUE, 2ND
JAMES SAMUEL STONE
BERNARD EDWARD SUNNY
CHARLES HALLETT THORNE
ANNA SHELDON OGDEN WEST
JOHN P. WILSON, JR.
HENRY MILTON WOLF

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

FRANK GORDON BEAUBIEN
JOHN WATERBURY CLINTON
FREDERICK FRANCIS COOK
MARSHALL MARTIN DUTTON
CLARENCE SUMNER PAINE
CHARLES BERT REED
ALBERT FREDERICK SCHARF
PHILIP C. SCHUPP
PAUL SELBY

During the year nine Annual Members have resigned, two have been dropped for non-payment of dues. Two Honorary Life, one Life, five Annual, one Honorary and one Corresponding Member have died, and one Corresponding Member has been transferred to Annual Membership, leaving the summary of the present membership as follows:

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| Honorary Life Members..... | 14 |
| Life Members | 17 |
| Annual Members | 209 |
| Honorary Members | 10 |
| Corresponding Members | 118 |
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Death has exacted its toll, and has taken from us some members to whom the Society was largely indebted, among them the Society's Second Vice-President, Honorable Lambert Tree, and Erskine Mason Phelps, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund of the Society.

LAMBERT TREE, Second Vice-President of the Society, an Annual Member since 1881, and an Honorary Life Member since 1907, died in New York City, Sunday, October 9, 1910. He was born in Washington, D. C., November 29, 1832, of colonial and revolutionary stock, both his grandparents having taken an active part in the war of independence. He received a classical education, read law in the office of James M. Carlisle, at that time a leader at the bar of the national capital, later entering the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1855. During the same year he was admitted to the bar at Washington, removed to Chicago and began the practice of his profession. His rise at the bar was rapid, in 1864 he became president of the Chicago Law Institute. In 1870 he was elected Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court to fill an unexpired term, being re-elected at the expiration of that term. One of the first official acts of Judge Tree was the instruction of the grand jury to investigate charges of malfeasance in office against members of the city council. Numerous indictments followed, with the result of a salutary effect upon the administration of municipal affairs. Judge Tree was a resident of Chicago at the time of the Fire and from his pen we have so graphic a

description of that great catastrophe that it would form a monograph by itself. In 1875, he resigned his judgeship and spent several years in Europe. Before his return in 1878, he was made the Democratic nominee of the Fourth District for Congress and after a spirited contest was defeated by John A. Logan. In 1882 he was again chosen and defeated by George E. Adams. In 1884 he was elected delegate-at-large from Illinois to the Democratic National Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency. The following year he was appointed United States Minister to Belgium. In the course of his official duty he represented the United States in many important Congresses, notably the International Congress for the Reform of Maritime and Commercial Law, held at Brussels in 1888, at which time he won universal respect for the manner in which he handled his country's interests. In September, 1888, he was appointed Minister to Russia, but resigned in 1889 to retire to private life. Since that time he has devoted his time to his private business and spent much time in travel. Judge Tree was a patron of art and history, having been a Trustee of the Art Institute and the donor of two historic bronze statues at Lincoln Park: one of LaSalle, the work of Count de Lalaign, an eminent Belgian sculptor, which he gave to the City in 1889, and the other of a Sioux Indian, entitled: "A Signal of Peace," known as one of the greatest pieces of American sculpture. Judge Tree served many interests, an incorporator and active worker in the American Red Cross Society, a life trustee of the Newberry Library, a member of the Illinois State Historical Society, Second Vice-President of this Society, he gave much of his time for the public good. In addition to these, he was a director of the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company, the Chicago Edison Company, a member of the Iroquois, Chicago and Union League Clubs of Chicago, of the Union Club of New York, the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., and an officer of the Legion of Honor of France. His going from us is a distinct loss to the community, which he touched at many points and served with conspicuous fidelity, zeal and distinction. He contributed to the fund for the erection of the Society's present building, and remembered the Society in his will, bequeathing to it many interesting and valuable selections from his library. The President, the First Vice-President, the members of the Executive Committee, and the Treasurer were

appointed as a delegation from the Society to attend the funeral of Judge Tree, which was held at his residence, corner of Cass and Ontario streets, October 13, 1910. The Society's building was closed during the funeral.

ERSKINE MASON PHELPS, Annual Member since 1880, was born in Stonington, Connecticut, on March 31, 1839, the son of Charles H. and Ann R. Hammond Phelps. Mr. Phelps was educated at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Massachusetts. After completing his studies he went into the banking house of Allen, Copp and Nesdith of St. Louis, but on account of failing health returned east and located in Boston where he remained two years. In 1864, he came to Chicago and with G. E. P. Dodge established the boot and shoe house which a year later became Phelps, Dodge and Palmer. This firm came safely through the great crisis of the Chicago Fire when their establishment on Wabash Avenue was entirely swept away. Two days later Mr. Phelps had opened up temporary quarters in his home, the business was soon re-established and continued under the same name until 1891, when it was sold to the Edwards-Standwood Shoe Company, in which Mr. Phelps continued as a director. Although known for years as one of Chicago's leading merchants he was equally prominent in politics, though never a seeker for public office. He came into prominence nationally when in 1884, he secured the Democratic National Convention for Chicago. He was prominently talked of for a United States' Senatorship, and in 1888 was a member of the National Democratic Committee and Chairman of the State Democratic Committee. Mr. Phelps in 1881 founded the Iroquois Club as a social organization composed of democrats. He was elected president and held that office for a number of years. He was a member of the World's Columbian Exposition Commission, in the interests of which he took a journey around the world in 1892; one of the founders and for many years president of the board of trustees of Central Church. For years preceding and until his death he was president of Hahneman Hospital, to which he gave generously of his time and money. He served this Society as a Trustee of the Gilpin Fund since 1904, and was always a liberal contributor to the Society's Collections. He was a prominent member of the Chicago, Calumet and Commercial Clubs. Mr. Phelps died at his home in Chicago, May 21, 1910.

HENRY HEDGE PORTER, Annual Member from 1883 to 1907, and Honorary Life Member since that time, died at his residence, corner of Cass and Erie Streets, May 31, 1910. Mr. Porter was born at Machias, Maine, December 7, 1835, the son of Rufus King and Lucy Hedge Porter. He attended the public schools of his native town and the East Machias Academy until sixteen years of age, when with youthful ambition he started out to earn his own living, going to Eastport, Maine, where he served as a clerk in a general store. Shortly after, having determined to try his fortunes in the West, he came to Chicago in 1853, and obtained a position as clerk in the general office of the Galena and Chicago Union Railway, now a part of the Great Northwestern system, but at that time only seventy-five miles long, and the first railroad built to reach Chicago. This was the beginning of a long and active association with western railroads. He remained with this road until 1860, when he was appointed station agent for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, later becoming general freight agent, and in 1863, when only twenty-seven years of age, general superintendent. The latter position he held till 1865, and during his incumbency was active in the transportation of troops and supplies to the Union Armies at the front. In 1866 Mr. Porter engaged, with Mr. Jesse Spaulding, in the lumber trade on the upper peninsula of Michigan. He later served on the directory of the Chicago and Rock Island and its successor, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad for over thirty years. He was also director and general manager of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. After the panic of 1873 Mr. Porter, with a group of New York financiers, was active in the rehabilitation of insolvent railroads and in many other enterprises. In 1874 they purchased the West Wisconsin Railroad, then on the verge of bankruptcy, and combining it with several others formed the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha System, of which he became president. Under Mr. Porter's guidance this pioneer railroad of less than 200 miles of track developed into a great system of over 1,300 miles in length. Mr. Porter was identified with the building of the St. Paul and Duluth, the Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling, and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroads, and served for many years as director of the Union Pacific. From 1868 to 1891, Mr. Porter was on the directory of the First

National Bank. Other important enterprises with which he was prominently identified were: the laying out of the present stockyards, organization of the Chicago Shipbuilding Company, Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the Chicago Transfer and Clearing Company, which organization embodied his ideas for the settlement of Chicago's freight problems and in which he maintained an active interest until his death. Mr. Porter was also identified with the steel industry, seeing it pass through many stages: the development of iron ore on the Vermillion and Mesaba ranges; a railroad, the Duluth and Iron Range, to transport it to Lake Superior; a line of steamships to bring it to Chicago; the acquisition of coal mines and coke ovens in Pennsylvania; the consolidation in 1898 into the Federal Steel Company; and the final formation of the United States Steel Corporation in 1901. Mr. Porter maintained an interest in the social as well as the business life of Chicago, being one of the earliest members of the Union, Midday, Saddle and Cycle and Commercial Clubs of this City. Mr. Porter made a generous donation to the fund for erecting the Society's present building, and in other ways materially contributed to its welfare. Two of Mr. Porter's sons have become Annual Members of the Society within a year, thus honoring their father's memory and setting an example that should be followed in many of the city's families.

EZRA JOSEPH WARNER, Annual Member from 1888 to 1907, and Life Member since, died at his summer home in Lake Forest, September 9, 1910. He was descended from two lines of ancestry honored in New England for many generations, being the son of Joseph and Jane Meech Warner of Middlebury, Vermont. He was born at Middlebury, March 8, 1841, and his early education was obtained in the schools and academy of his native town. He prepared for Middlebury College at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, and was graduated in 1862, the valedictorian of his class. He came West the same year to take charge of real estate in Wisconsin owned by his father but soon gave it up to come to Chicago, where he entered the employ of Sprague and Stetson. The following year Mr. Warner purchased the interest of Mr. Stetson and became a partner of Mr. A. A. Sprague. Mr. O. S. A. Sprague became associated in the partnership shortly after

and the present firm of Sprague, Warner and Company was organized, one of the leading firms of wholesale grocers, not only in Chicago but in the United States, having a trade extending from coast to coast. The successful management of so vast a business is evidence of Mr. Warner's executive ability and qualifications as a financial manager. Mr. Warner was one of the first Chicagoans to build a summer residence in Lake Forest and has ever since been a public spirited citizen of that town, and for many years has served as a Trustee of Lake Forest University. He was a member of the Chicago and University Clubs.

LEWIS LARNED COBURN, Annual Member since 1877, died at his home, 1819 Michigan Avenue, October 23, 1910, at the age of seventy-five years. He was born at East Montpelier, Vermont, November 2, 1834, being the youngest of five children of Larned and Louisa Allen Coburn. His education was such that it amply fitted him for the prominent position at the bar that he later attained. His early youth was spent working on his father's farm in the summer and in attendance during the winter months at the district school. Later he attended Morrisville and Northfield Academies. He continued his preparation for college at Barre, Vermont, and entered the University of Vermont in the autumn of 1855, graduating after a brilliant course of four years. While at college he read law in the office of Roberts and Chittenden during his spare time and vacations, and after graduation entered the office of Hon. T. P. Reelfield of Montpelier. He then entered the law department of Harvard University and on being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws was admitted to the bar of Essex County. He determined to adopt the specialty of patent law for which his aptitude for problems of invention and mathematics peculiarly qualified him. With this in view he came to Chicago in the early 60's and progressed in his chosen field to the extent that at the time of his death he stood at the head of his specialty in this city. Upon a visit to his native city in the summer of 1862, he was unanimously elected captain of the newly formed Company C of the Thirteenth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers. He accepted, went to the front and gallantly led his company in many important engagements of the Civil War, among them being the decisive Battle of Gettysburg. He continued

in the service until his term of enlistment had expired, when he was honorably mustered out. Upon his retirement from the army, he resumed his practice in Chicago, and continued the same with marked success and prominence down to the time of his death. Early in his law career he was associated with his old classmate, William E. Marrs, who died in 1868. In 1875 Mr. John M. Thatcher, United States Commissioner of Patents, resigned that office to join Mr. Coburn as partner. Later the firm name became Coburn, McRoberts and McElroy. Mr. Coburn was an early member of this Society, founder of the Union League Club, a governing member of the Art Institute, and held memberships in the Calumet, Union and Onwentsia Clubs, the Chicago Bar and Chicago Patent Law Associations, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and U. S. Grant Post, No. 28, G. A. R.

CHARLES H. FERRY, who died suddenly of angina pectoris, at Phoenix, Arizona, on the 2nd of May, 1910, was born at Utica, New York, September 1, 1851. He was the son of William H. and Mary Ann Williams Ferry. His father was a State Senator of the State of New York and was very active in the public life of his time. After preparation for college in Montreal, he entered McGill College, and after a short course of study there joined the class of '72 at Yale in the middle of the freshman year. He graduated from Yale and continued for three years a post graduate course in New Haven. He then went to Chicago, to which city his father had removed, studied law, and pursued for a time the practice of his profession. Later on he engaged in manufacturing enterprises in which he continued until the time of his retirement from active business a few years ago, when he removed to New York, residing in that city in the winter and having a summer home at Onteora Park in the Catskills. Funeral services for Mr. Ferry were held at New Haven, Connecticut, on May 9th, 1910.

JAMES NEVINS HYDE, who was elected to Annual Membership in the Society in 1890, was the son of Edward Goodrich and Hannah Hunting Thomas Hyde, and was born in Norwich, Connecticut, the twenty-first of June, 1840. His preliminary training he received at The Phillips Academy, Andover. He graduated from Yale with the

degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1861, the degree of Master of Arts being given him by the same university, four years later. His medical education commenced at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City; but later, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania, which gave him the degree of M. D. During the Civil War Dr. Hyde served, first as assistant surgeon and afterwards as passed assistant surgeon, in the United States Navy. For his splendid war record and distinguished services in combatting yellow fever, Dr. Hyde, at the close of the war, was ordered to the Ticonderoga, which vessel formed one of Admiral Farragut's fleet in the European cruise. Returning to Washington for duty, he resigned from the navy in 1869 and immediately thereafter took up the practice of medicine in Chicago, where he was active and successful in his profession until his death. From 1873 to 1876 Dr. Hyde served as lecturer on skin diseases in Rush Medical College; from 1876 to 1878, as professor of Dermatology in Northwestern University, and from 1879 until his death, he held the professorship of skin diseases at Rush Medical College, where also he was secretary of the Council of Administration and Faculty. Dr. Hyde was a member of many scientific societies, both in this country and in Europe, and contributed a vast amount of literature in his chosen field. His work on "Diseases of the Skin" has gone through eight editions and has ever occupied the first rank. Dr. Hyde died at his summer home at Prout's Neck, Maine, on September 6, 1910.

MARY HUNT LOOMIS, Annual Member since 1907, died at her home, 1220 Lake Shore Drive, in this city, October 7, 1910. She was the widow of Colonel John Mason Loomis, an Annual Member of the Society from 1889 until his death in 1900. Mrs. Loomis was born in Sherburne, New York, August 15, 1829, the daughter of Honorable Milo Hunt, and was reared and educated in her native town. She was married to John Mason Loomis in 1849 and a few years later came to Chicago to live. At the outbreak of the Civil War she accompanied her husband to the front and acted as the head of a company of Red Cross nurses. Later she served on several committees and was actively engaged in the work of the Soldiers' Home, helping in the care of the sick and wounded soldiers returning

from the War, and in the feeding and lodging of those passing through Chicago on their way to the front. The unostentatious charities of Mrs. Loomis reached out in many directions. She was for many years active in the work of Grace Episcopal Church. In her will she left generous legacies to two of Chicago's important charities for children. Mrs. Loomis' gentle, stately presence has been a factor in Chicago's social life for many years. She was an active member of The Fortnightly.

GOLDWIN SMITH, Honorary Member since 1864, died at his home, The Grange, Toronto, Canada, June 7, 1910. He was born near Reading, Berkshire, England, on August 13, 1823, and his earliest education was obtained at a private school near Bath. Later he was sent to Eaton, where his tutor was Edward Coleridge, nephew of the poet, and with whom he lived while in attendance there. At the age of seventeen he left Eaton, having won distinction in his mastery of the classics. In 1841 he entered Christ Church, Oxford, but was shortly elected to a scholarship at Magdalen, from which he graduated in 1845, again taking high honors in the classics. Among his classmates are numbered such men as Henry Hallam, the historian, J. T. Coleridge, afterwards Chief Justice, and Matthew Arnold, the poet. In 1847 he was elected a fellow of University College, where he acted for sometime as tutor. It was in 1850 that he was appointed Assistant Secretary, Stanley being the Secretary, of a royal commission to investigate into a report on necessary reforms in Oxford University. Of a second similar commission charged with carrying the recommendations of the first into effect, Goldwin Smith was Secretary, and brought about many important changes in the government of that institution. In connection with the work of this commission he was brought into close touch with Wm. E. Gladstone, the latter having charge of the bill effecting these changes in the House of Commons. In 1858 he was appointed Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford, in which he continued until 1866, when he resigned his post. It was during the latter incumbency that King Edward VII of England, then Prince of Wales, received special instruction and attended the lectures of Goldwin Smith, and it may be that here he was imbued with

the democratic principles that marked him as a monarch in later years. It was during this period of his life that Goldwin Smith began his journalistic career and it is as an author, editor and contributor to journals that he became so widely known. He was a great advocate of humanity; at Cornell may be seen today a motto which he had engraved upon a stone seat on the campus: "Above All Nations is Humanity." During the dark days of the Civil War few did more for the cause of the North than he. It was in 1863 that he brought out his works entitled, "Does the Bible Sanction American Slavery?" and "On the Morality of the Emancipation Proclamation," in which he championed the anti-slavery cause and did much to sway opinion in England, at a time when national sympathy was strongly in favor of the South. The next year he came to this country in a semi-official capacity for the Liberal party in England to inquire into the true state of the war, it not being thoroughly understood there on account of meagre communications between the two countries. A portion of his time here was spent at the front with Grant's army. In 1868 he came to make his permanent home on this side of the Atlantic, feeling as he expresses himself in the preface of his Political History of the United States, that the American Commonwealth was the greatest achievement of this race, and that he had come to participate in its development. Upon coming to America he became Professor of English and constitutional history in Cornell University, which chair he held, residing in Ithaca, until 1871, when he removed to Toronto, Canada, becoming and remaining through life Emeritus Professor of English History at Cornell. As a resident of Toronto, Goldwin Smith took an active interest in the life of that city and was a regular contributor to the press, being the founder and for years sole contributor to the "Bystander." Goldwin Smith's absence from the country of his birth was much deplored by many of its most prominent citizens, and the fact that, with his keen insight and mature judgment ~~the~~ power for good he might have exerted as a leader in affairs was withheld, was deeply regretted. From me of his death he lived at The Grange, a statel ilt in 1817. Here he enjoyed thirty-five years e among his books.

From MR. T. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY was received a cross-section of a large tree taken from the course of the north branch of the Drainage Canal just north of Lawrence Avenue on the east bank. The idea of Mr. O'Shaughnessy in preserving this, is that upon examination by an expert it may serve as an index to the character of the seasons as to the distribution of rainfall and the prevailing winds for many years.

The presentation of a great number of interesting pictures and relics of Abraham Lincoln seems to show a sentiment on the part of many for making this Society the home of a strong Lincoln collection.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT, who has ever bestowed gifts upon the Society with a lavish hand, has made several interesting additions to the Society's collection of Lincolniana during the past year, among them the following: A handsomely framed lithograph of Hohenstein's "Abraham Lincoln's Last Reception," published by John Smith of Philadelphia in 1865. This is an admirable piece of work as in the group are all the prominent men of Washington at that time, portrayed with photographic exactness. A steel engraving of Lincoln by Samuel Sartain, 1866, a rare colored lithograph in an oval gold frame of Lincoln in 1865, and a photograph from life taken in August, 1860, for Mr. J. Henry Brown, the miniature painter of Philadelphia, who had gone to Springfield to paint a portrait of Lincoln.

From MR. GEORGE H. FERGUS was received a Lincoln memorial badge, being a portrait woven in silk, the work of Gordon Tchopp, Basel, Switzerland, 1866, and bearing the legend "A. Lincoln," "With Charity to all, with malice for none," "1776 Union Forever 1865." This is probably the handsomest of all Lincoln memorial badges and is significant of the world-wide esteem for Lincoln.

From the HON. J. O. CUNNINGHAM, of Urbana, Illinois, a copy of an ambrotype of Abraham Lincoln made in Urbana in 1858 was received. Mr. Cunningham's own account of this picture is most interesting and therefore is printed in full as follows: "This picture of Abraham Lincoln is a copy of an ambrotype made by Samuel Alschuler, at Urbana, Illinois, about the last of May,

1858, in my presence. I was in the room when Mr. Lincoln entered at the request of the artist. Mr. Lincoln was at the time dressed in a long linen duster. Looking his subject over the artist said he should be unable to take the picture in that coat and asked if he had no other in which he could sit. The answer was that the linen duster was the only coat he had brought with him from home. The artist then suggested that his coat be worn, to which Mr. Lincoln assented and arrayed himself in the darker coat of the artist, a man whose body was as large as was that of Mr. Lincoln, while his arms were much shorter. The coat well fitted his person, but the arms of Mr. Lincoln, which were abnormally long, protruded beyond the lower end of the sleeves a quarter of a yard, giving him a most ludicrous appearance, at which he was convulsed with laughter. He found it quite difficult to so compose his features as to enable the artist to get a picture of him, as will be seen from the position of the lips in this picture. No other picture of Mr. Lincoln can be found wherein the lips are in the attitude here shown."

MR. ROBERT HEWITT, who is the owner of the largest collection of medalic Lincolniana, gave three Lincoln campaign medals of 1860 and 1865.

From MESSRS. F. H. NOBLE & COMPANY, at the suggestion of MR. ROBERT HEWITT, were received two Lincoln medals issued by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

From MR. HENRY E. HAMILTON was received a Lincoln Centennial Memorial Button of the Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611, A.F. and A.M.

MRS. SAMUEL LOCKWOOD BROWN presented several personal relics of Abraham Lincoln, all of which are well authenticated, having been given by Mr. Thomas Pendell who was on duty at the White House during Lincoln's residence there, to Miss Josephine M. B. Chester and by her to Mrs. Brown. Among them are the following: a piece of shirt bosom and a black kid glove, both having been worn by Lincoln; a piece of silk from the lining of the sleeve of Miss Harris' dress worn when she attended the theatre as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln on the night of Lincoln's assassination; a piece of black cloth and part of the drapery, used respectively to cover and

decorate the catafalque under which Lincoln's body lay in state in the White House; also a card of admittance to the obsequies held at the Executive Mansion, on Wednesday the 19th of April, 1865.

MR. FRANCIS G. BROWNE presented a card de visite photograph of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln by M. B. Brady, taken in 1862.

From MISS EMMA L. FOWLER was received a beautiful lace handkerchief once the property of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln whose initials "M. L." are embroidered in one corner. This personal relic of Mrs. Lincoln is particularly interesting as it was while she was a resident of Chicago, living at Washington Boulevard and Willard Place, that she gave it to her neighbor's daughter who presents it to the Society.

From MISS LEILA W. LULL the Society received a small photograph of the main building of the Great Northwestern Sanitary Fair opened May 30, 1865, which stood in Dearborn Park, on the site of the present Public Library; also the official badge of the World's Religious Congresses, Chicago, 1893.

MR. WILLIAM S. EDBROOKE presented an historic inkstand, the inscription on which explains its significance: "From timber of old Green Tree Tavern cut December, 1833. Erected at northeast corner of Canal and West Lake Streets, 1834. Made and presented by William S. Edbrooke to the Chicago Historical Society, 1907." This will form a most suitable adjunct to our visitor's register at gatherings of early settlers. Notwithstanding the date Mr. Edbrooke, did not present this inkstand until the present year.

MR. E. R. LEWIS presented a brick from the Washington Street tunnel, completed in 1869; also a section of steel cable of the North Chicago Street Railway Company from the LaSalle Street tunnel.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY through MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., presented the membership medal for 1909 of that society, which completes the Society's collection of similar medals to date; also the medal issued

by them in commemoration of the arrival of the U. S. S. Nashville in Chicago Harbor, June 5, 1909, the ship that fired the first shot in the Spanish American War.

From MRS. EZRA B. McCAGG were received a large framed photograph of Ezra B. McCagg, incorporator of this Society, and an etching of George P. A. Healy, the artist, bearing an autograph presentation inscription dated February 7, 1885, and framed as it had hung in the library of Mr. McCagg for over twenty years. Mrs. McCagg also presented photographs of Jacob Dolson Cox, the Ohio General of Civil War fame and Governor of that State in 1866, and of Rev. William Barry, founder of this Society.

Upon request, MISS HELEN LESLIE CARTER presented a picture of her brother, the late Leslie Carter, for many years a resident of Chicago.

MR. MILWARD ADAMS presented a collection of five photographs in a large frame, showing the interior of the Manufactures Building taken at the time of the dedication of the World's Columbian Exposition, October 22, 1892; also a large framed photograph taken during the banquet tendered to President McKinley in the Auditorium Theatre in celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of the Federal Building, October 9, 1899.

MR. FRANKLIN WALDO SMITH presented eleven stereopticon slides of early Chicago which he made especially for the lecture by Mr. Frederick Francis Cook.

GENERAL WALTER C. NEWBERRY, at the solicitation of the Society, presented two photographs of himself, one taken in 1862, the other during the present year.

From MR. D. A. ADE, through Dr. O. L. SCHMIDT, a photograph of the old Third Presbyterian Church was received.

The NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION OF CANADA presented a medal struck off in commemoration of the Tercentenary of the Founding of Quebec by Champlain.

MR. HENRY KOOTZ presented a queen's-ware pitcher and plate, relics of the Chicago Fire. These were re-

covered after the fire in a rear yard on Goethe Street where they had been buried by Mr. Fred Kootz before the fire.

From MESSRS. A. C. McCLURG & Co., through Mr. FRANCIS G. BROWNE, were received ten stereoscopic views of Chicago taken after the Great Fire of 1871.

Not least among the gifts of the year are to be mentioned those of GENERAL W. C. NEWBERRY, two loads of rich black soil, for the lawns around the Society's Building, and MESSRS. ALBERT and ARTHUR DICKINSON, a ten-pound sack of grass seed. In consequence of these gifts the Society's lawns have looked better than for many years previous and have called forth favorable comments from many.

PROFESSOR HJALMAR R. HOLAND, of Ephraim, Wis., presented two photographs of the Kensington Runestone upon which he lectured before the Society, February 3, 1910. These photographs are large enough to show the runic characters engraved on the stone and will serve students in this vicinity in the absence of the stone itself.

From the COMMERCIAL CLUB the Society has received a photograph of Oliver Wendell Holmes framed together with an original manuscript poem by him, in a piece of the historic elm that stood in Boston Common; also a handsome fellowship cup of Rookwood Pottery a gift to the Commercial Club of Chicago by the Commercial Club of Cincinnati.

MR. C. F. GUNTHER presented a most valuable accession to the Society's own history in the form of a water-color painting of the Society's Building which occupied a portion of the Dearborn Avenue frontage of the present site from 1877 until it was demolished to make place for the present building in 1892. This picture supplies a great deficiency in our collections for it was thought that no authentic picture of this, the Society's second home, existed. To it attaches a sentimental as well as an historic interest, as it was to the erection of this little building that the earlier members of the Society so loyally subscribed in 1877; and its completion marked the reestablishment of the Society in a home of its own, after the

MISS MABEL McILVAINE presented an interesting series of post-cards and pictures commemorating the Hudson-Fulton Celebration held in New York City, 1909.

MRS. LAVERNE W. NOYES presented a patent dictionary holder which has proved of great value in the Library.

By direction of **MISS JUNIATA STAFFORD**, deceased, her sister, **MRS. J. S. ROSSITER** of Evanston, Illinois, presented a handsomely framed portrait in oil of their father, the late John Francis Stafford, who was an annual member of this Society from 1868 to 1871 and who rendered valuable services to the City of Chicago in the Lake Front Case, which determined the present open Lake Front between Twelfth and Randolph Streets. Miss Stafford left the following directions with regard to this portrait: "This portrait is presented to the Chicago Historical Society by his daughter (Miss) Juniata Stafford to be delivered to the Historical Society immediately after her death, or at an earlier date if she so designates, Chicago, April 12, 1910." Miss Stafford's wishes were soon to be carried out, for she died June 2, 1910. With this also came a photograph of the monument on the lot of John Francis Stafford at Rose Hill Cemetery.

MRS. ELEONORE RANG presented a framed oil painting of the "Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac."

MR. A. W. WATRISS has increased the interesting collection of photographs of historic sites of Chicago and vicinity, which he himself has taken and presented to the Society from time to time during previous years, by the addition of two views of the Old Lake View Town Hall, which stands at the corner of Addison and Halsted Streets, a picture of the Second Baptist Church at the corner of Monroe and Morgan Streets, a photograph of the old toll-gate house which stood at the corner of North Clark Street and the Indian Boundary Line in Rogers Park, and three excellent views of the Fort Dearborn Tablet on the building of William M. Hoyt at the south end of the Rush Street Bridge.

MRS. ELLEN E. L. WOODWARD presented a leather covered work-box once the property of Martha Washington.

From MESSRS. EMIL RUDOLPH and W. PICKLEY the Society received specimens of the paving blocks dug up at the corner of Clark and Randolph Streets during the last year. These are examples of what was called the Nicholson pavement block, being a solid piece of pine coated with a preparation of tar. Much history attaches to the use of them in Chicago as suit was brought against the city in 1867 on account of them. The specimens presented to the Society were partially charred in the Chicago Fire and serve to show that even the street pavements were burned in that great conflagration.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT presented a rare old engraving of "Washington Passing the Delaware, Evening previous to the Battle of Trenton, Dec. 25, 1776," the work of G. S. Lang after a painting by Thomas Sully and published by S. Augustus Mitchell, Philadelphia, May 20, 1825.

MR. C. F. GUNTHER donated half the purchase price of a photographic group of Civil War generals.

MR. HORACE WHITE, a member of this Society from 1868 to 1871, and prominently identified with the press of Chicago at one time, presented a photograph of himself for the Society's album of members.

From the CHILDREN OF THE LATE JOHN NEWELL, member of the Society from 1880 until his death in 1894, was received a steel engraving of their father, appropriately framed.

From DR. O. L. SCHMIDT was received an original photograph of Stephen A. Douglas.

In the name of DAVID DUNDAS MICHAELS, deceased, MRS. SARAH D. MICHAELS presented a framed engraving "Henry Clay Addressing the United States Senate in Advocacy of the Compromise Bill," 1850.

REV. EDWIN SAWYER WALKER, a Corresponding Member, of Springfield, Illinois, presented a photograph of Mason Brayman, an incorporator of the Society, dated July 2, 1879.

To DRs. C. N. JOHNSON, ELGIN MAWHINNEY and FRANK H. ZINN, officers of the Chicago Odontographic Society, we are indebted for two framed groups of portraits

of Chicago dentists, the work of Mr. Frank D. DuSouchet. The earlier group embraces members prominent in the profession who practiced in Chicago from the time of Dr. Peter Temple, who came here in 1833, down to 1890, several lines of biographical data being given about each. The second group includes dentists of the first rank since that time.

MR. L. M. RITTERBAND gave a framed relief in plaster of the late George Howland, who was prominently identified with educational affairs in Chicago for many years.

Upon solicitation by the Society, MR. CHARLES A. PART-
RIDGE, a resident of Waukegan since 1844, presented a photograph of himself.

DR. EMMA L. BENHAM presented a bag made from a dress of Martha Washington. This interesting relic was sold at an Orphan Fair in Washington, D. C., in 1825, by Mrs. John Quincy Adams, wife of the President, to Mr. Cyrus Dyer of Providence, R. I. Many years later an exact reproduction of the material of which the bag is made was manufactured by Messrs. A. & W. Sprague of Cranston, R. I., and called the Martha Washington Print, a piece of which accompanies the gift. A letter dated Cranston, March 2, 1876, and signed "W. Sprague," authenticates the story of the Martha Washington Print, and is also presented by Dr. Benham.

The Executive Committee desires to here express gratitude, and tender its thanks to MR. RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, a member, who has this year, as in many former years, given liberally of his time and professional services in connection with repairs and improvements in and upon the Society's Building and thus materially aided the House Committee in its work.

PUBLICATIONS.

The past year has been one that will stand out prominently in the history of the Society on account of the valuable publications issued. In its fifty-two years of existence the Society has never brought out a more noteworthy contribution to history than the "Diary of James K. Polk During His Presidency, 1835 to 1849" edited by Milo Milton Quaife, published for the Society by A. C.

McClurg & Co., and constituting Volumes VI., VII., VIII. and IX. of the Chicago Historical Society's Collection series. These volumes are printed in good clear type, suitably bound, each volume having a photogravure frontispiece as follows: copy of the oil painting of President Polk by G. P. A. Healy, now in the collection of the Tennessee Historical Society; a copy of the picture by Thomas Sully painted in 1847 for the Dialectic Society of the University of North Carolina; a copy of an original daguerreotype of President and Mrs. Polk made in Washington in 1847 or 1848; and a picture of the last home of James K. Polk at Nashville, Tennessee. The publication of this work was largely due to the efforts of Professor Charles W. Mann who was engaged upon it at the time of his death, and it bears as a dedication the following tribute to his memory:

**"Dedicated
To the Memory of
Professor Charles Wesley Mann
To whose scholarly enthusiasm
The Publication of this work is due."**

The Executive Committee has caused to be printed the following pamphlets.

"Year-Book of the Society, 1909," containing a full Report of the Annual Meeting held November 16, 1909. It is gratifying to note that this Year-Book has been accorded much commendation for the value of the historical material contained in it, and especially as an item of Lincolniana, there being in it a full account of the Lincoln Centennial Celebration held by the Society in 1909, as well as a record of many important Lincoln relics and pictures given to the Society during that year.

The following have just been received from the printer and will soon be in the hands of members:

"The Preamble and Boundary Clauses of the Illinois Constitution," by Herman G. James, read before the Society, January 18, 1910.

"The Indian as a Diplomatic Factor in the History of the Old Northwest," a paper read before the Society on March 28, 1907, by Isaac Joslin Cox.

As a future publication the Executive Committee has carefully considered and has recently determined upon a volume continuing the Society's Collection Series to be issued in 1912 as a memorial of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Chicago Massacre. The Society is in possession of much unpublished manuscript and other valuable material bearing on the Massacre and Mr. M. M. Quaife who edited the Polk Diary has been authorized to use the Society's collections in preparation for this publication.

It is with much regret that the Executive Committee has to report that President Head has expressed a desire to be relieved from the cares and duties of the office, and the Committee feels constrained to accede to his request. Mr. Head was elected to the First Vice-Presidency in 1899, and during the year 1903, following the death of T. Mauro Garrett, filled the place thus left vacant on the Executive Committee, actively and faithfully sharing the duties devolved upon that Committee; and in 1904 he was elected to the Presidency as the successor of John N. Jewett, deceased; since which time he has filled the position with zeal and distinction. During all these years he has given lavishly of his time to the work of the Society and its interests, and the Executive Committee desires to spread on the Society's Records this brief acknowledgement of its debt of gratitude to Mr. Head as its retiring President for the years of devoted service thus given to the Society.

The Executive Committee feels that its Annual Report would be incomplete if it failed to publicly express and inscribe in the Society's records the Committee's appreciation of the faithfulness and zeal of the Society's employees during the year. Their interest has been constant and their industry untiring. So efficiently have the duties of their respective departments been performed by the Librarian, the Record Writer and Accountant, and the Accession Clerk that the lack of an official secretary has hardly been noticed. The Executive Committee therefore deems it to the interest of the Society that the secretaryship should remain vacant until it can be filled to their thorough satisfaction and to the permanent benefit of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Executive Committee.

On motion of MR. GUNTHER, seconded by MR. BURLEY, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

MR. BURLEY, Chairman of the Membership Committee, then presented and read the Report of the Membership Committee, which is as follows:

To the President of the Chicago Historical Society:

As Chairman of the Committee appointed to seek new members for the Society, I respectfully report as follows:

A committee of seven was appointed. Two of the members appointed were unable to act. The remaining five members met and canvassed a number of names to whom letters should be written. Letters were written to 136 people with the result that thirty-six new members were added to the Society through the efforts of this Committee since its appointment.

It gives me great pleasure to compliment MR. CHARLES H. CONOVER upon his very efficient work in this matter, for it is due to him that there were secured twenty-two of the thirty-six new members brought in.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. BURLEY,
Chairman of the Committee.

October 28, 1910.

On motion of DR. DAVIS, seconded by MR. FISHER, the Report of the Membership Committee was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

MR. BURLEY, of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, then presented and read the Report of the Gilpin Trustees, which is as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER 1, 1909, TO OCTOBER 31, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Certificate of Deposit on hand November 1, 1909..... | \$ 199.99 |
| \$2,000, 3½% bonds, matured July 1, 1910 | 2,000.00 |
| \$500, 4% bond, maturing January 1, 1911, sold at 99⅞..... | 499.37 |
| Interest on \$19,000, 3½% bonds, 1 yr.\$ | 665.00 |
| Interest on 47,500, 4% bonds, 1 year. | 1,900.00 |
| Interest on 1,000, 4% bonds, 6 mos. | 20.00 |
| Interest on \$500, 4% bonds, sold Oct. 24, 1910..... | 6.28 |
| Interest on Certificate of Deposit..... | 22.03 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,613.31 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 5,312.67 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Paid for \$1,000, 4% City Bond, due July 1, 1915, at 99¾..... | \$ 997.50 |
| Paid accrued interest on same..... | 4.33 |
| Paid for \$2,000, 4% City Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1928, at 98⅞..... | 1,977.50 |
| Paid accrued interest on same..... | 4.44 |
| Paid safety vault box rent..... | 10.00 |
| Paid Chicago Historical Society, annual appropriation | 2,100.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 5,093.77 |
| Certificate of Deposit (3%) in Safety Deposit Vault box..... | 218.90 |

STATEMENT OF GILPIN FUND,

NOVEMBER 1, 1910.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Chicago City 3½% bonds, par value..... | \$17,000.00 |
| Chicago City 4% bonds, par value..... | 50,000.00 |
| Certificate of Deposit..... | 218.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$67,218.90 |
| Amount received from estate of Henry D. Gilpin, deceased | 64,314.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| Surplus | \$ 2,904.56 |
| Chicago, November 1, 1910. | |

EUGENE H. FISHBURN,
CLARENCE A. BURLEY,
WALTER L. FISHER,
Trustees.

On motion of DR. STONE, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, the Report of the Gilpin Fund Trustees was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

In the absence of MR. ORSON SMITH, Treasurer of the Society, PRESIDENT HEAD presented the Treasurer's Report as printed in the pamphlet of Reports of Officers in the hands of the members at the Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand November 1st, 1909 | | \$ 3,094.29 |
| Deposits by Secretary..... | \$18,357.98 | |
| Deposits by Trustees Gilpin Fund.. | 2,100.00 | |
| Interest on South Side Elevated Rail- way Bonds | 180.00 | |
| Interest on Chicago City Railway Bonds | 150.00 | |
| Interest on Metropolitan Elevated Railway Bonds | 40.00 | |
| Interest on Commonwealth Electric Company Bonds | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Peoples Gas Company Bonds | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Bonds..... | 240.00 | |
| Interest on City of Mobile Bonds.. | 90.00 | |
| Interest on Bank Account..... | 106.84 | 22,064.82 |
| | | \$25,159.11 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Vouchers issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President. | \$20,914.31 | |
| Balance on hand October 31st, 1910 | 4,244.80 | \$25,159.11 |

The above balance is made up as follows:

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| General Fund | \$1,641.22 |
| Pond Fund | 1,370.67 |
| Jackson Fund | 156.14 |
| Carpenter Fund | 68.97 |
| Stickney Fund | 1,007.80 |
| | \$4,244.80 |

The following securities are held in safe deposit box by the Society :

| POND FUND. | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Four (4) South Side Elevated Railway Bonds, each | \$1,000 | \$4,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bond | 500 | 500 |
| Eight (8) Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company Bonds, each | 1,000 | 8,000 |
| One (1) Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |

| STICKNEY FUND. | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bonds, each..... | 1,000 | 5,000 |

| CARPENTER FUND. | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |

| JACKSON FUND. | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |

| GARRETT FUND. | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |

| WATKINS FUND. | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Commonwealth Electric Company Bonds, each..... | 1,000 | 5,000 |

| TILTON FUND. | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Three (3) Chicago City Railroad Bonds, each | 1,000 | 3,000 |

| WILLING FUND. | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Two (2) City of Mobile, Alabama, Bonds, each | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bond | 500 | 500 |

| MARSHALL FIELD FUND. | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bonds, each..... | 1,000 | 5,000 |

Respectfully submitted,
ORSON SMITH,
Treasurer.

Since the rendering of this Report five (5) \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Bonds have been purchased for the Marshall Field Fund.

The Report of the Auditing Committee appears following the digest of the Trial Balance in the Executive Committee's Report, on page 270.

On motion of MR. DENT, duly seconded, the Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee were referred to the Executive Committee.

The next order of business being the Election of New Members, the Secretary of the Meeting read the following list of those who had been recommended for election by the Society:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

HELEN LESLIE CARTER
DANIEL FRANCIS CRILLY
ALBERT F. MADLENER
ROBERT LINDSAY SCOTT
ANNA SHELDON OGDEN WEST

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

FRANK GORDON BEAUBIEN
MARSHALL MARTIN DUTTON
CLARENCE SUMNER PAINE
PHILIP C. SCHUPP

The Secretary added to this list the following names:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

SAMUEL EUGENE BLISS
STEWART CLARK

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

CHARLES BERT REED

These names had been proposed by members for membership after the last meeting of the Executive Committee and were now brought up for election according to Article II., Section 1., which provides for election of member without recommendation by the Executive Committee.

MR. DENT, seconded by MR. R. E. SCHMIDT, moved that the persons whose names were proposed, be elected for membership in the Society.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the next in order of business was Election of Officers, and stated that a President, two Vice-Presidents and the necessary number of Members of the Executive Committee were to be elected.

MR. FISHER, seconded by MR. BURLEY, moved that THE PRESIDENT appoint a committee of three to nominate the required officers and committeemen. On adoption of the motion, THE PRESIDENT appointed to serve as such committee BISHOP CHENEY, JUDGE ROBERTS and DR. DAVIS.

During the absence of the Nominating Committee the Librarian presented her Report for the past year and read from it a number of extracts touching upon particularly interesting features of the Society's work. The Report is as follows:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Executive Committee of the
Chicago Historical Society:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending October 31, 1910.

Two events of special importance mark the year 1909-10, namely, Mr. Charles H. Conover's gift to the Society of his collection of Lewis and Clark literature; and the publication by the Society of the *Diary of James K. Polk During his Presidency, 1845 to 1849*, edited by MILO MILTON QUAIFE, with an Introduction by Andrew Cunningham McLaughlin, in four volumes, these being volumes VI. to IX. of the Society's published *Collections*. The subject of the Diary is treated at some length under the caption "Publications." Other activities of the Society deserving special attention, will be found under the headings, "Field Work" (embracing Archaeology), "Relations with Historical Societies and Kindred Organizations," "Special Exhibitions," and

“Accessions.” The Committee will be gratified to note that many valuable gifts of manuscripts and books mark continued interest in the Society’s work on the part of members and friends.

The Charles H. Conover Collection of Lewis and Clark Literature—

Through the generosity of Mr. Conover this Society has been placed in the first rank of collectors of the “Travels” of Lewis and Clark, and when it is remembered that it was by means of Lewis’ and Clark’s expedition to the Pacific ocean that President Jefferson took peaceful possession of half a continent, thereby creating the Great West, this store-house of the records of that achievement, will be conceded to be a precious heritage.

For almost twenty years Mr. Conover had been gathering rare editions of this epic of American history, and at the time of making the gift his collection surpassed all others in completeness, and had the distinction of being the only private collection described in Mr. Victor H. Paltsits’ *Bibliographical Data*, which includes the collections of the British Museum, the Boston Athenaeum, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and many others.

The fact that the owner of so choice a possession has bestowed it upon this institution implies that he believes in the Chicago Historical Society, and in its ability to make the collection of the utmost service to students of history and to *amateurs des livres*. And it is fitting that this store-house should be in Chicago not only because Illinois is “The Heart of the Continent,” but by reason of a fact that has been too long overlooked, namely, that the first camping place of the Lewis and Clark expedition was on Illinois soil, and the journey thither the first stage on its way to the Pacific.

The collection comprises over fifty separate works, contained in twice that number of volumes, listed

Die
Reisen
der Capitaine
Lewis und Clarke;

— unternommen
auf Befehl der
Regierung der Vereinigten Staaten
in den Jahren 1804, 1805 und 1806,

über
eine Landstrecke von mehr als 3000 Meilen,
von St. Louis, auf dem Missouri und
Colombia, nach dem stillen Meer.

Enthaltend:

Eine Beschreibung der Indianischen Völkersämme,
welche den westlichen Theil von Nordamerika,
der uns bisher unbekannt und unentdeckt
war, bewohnen.

Samt

einer statistischen Uebersicht der Indianer Nationen,
aus dem Special Bericht von

Meriwether Lewis.

[Mit Abbildungen Indianischer Könige.]

Friedrichstadt:

Gedruckt bey W. Bärzigk. — 1812.

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below under the head of "Accessions."* These are described with great accuracy in Mr. Paltsits' *Bibliographical Data*, but the printed page faintly conveys the delight which the bibliophile experiences in handling the volumes themselves, and noting their small eccentricities—the saffron-colored paper of the Congressional documents, containing the first mention of the expedition; the crudely illustrated narrative of Patrick Gass; the pompous title-pages of the counterfeit Journals, prematurely printed by enterprising publishers five years before the genuine Journals appeared; and finally the two great modern editions, the one annotated by Dr. Elliott Coues, the other by Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, both celebrated for their additions of original materials before unpublished.

On the opposite page is photographed the title-page of the most remarkable bibliographical curiosity of the collection. Inside the cover of this small book is a letter which vouches for the genuineness of the priceless gem. It is in part as follows:—

Lenox Library Building,
New York, May 14, 1903

Charles H. Conover, Esq.,
My Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to be able to thank you for sending the little German Lewis and Clark pamphlet of 1812. You have picked up a real nugget, because this tract is entirely unknown to bibliographers. The late Dr. Seidensticker, who was our best specialist in German books printed in America, did not know of it, nor did he know of a single item printed in Frederick, Maryland, in the year 1812. Your tract is interesting both as a Lewis and Clark and as a German-American imprint. Your collection is the only private one I note—all the remaining references are concerned with copies in public or corporate libraries...

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Victor H. Paltsits.

*Pp. 80 *et seq.*

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The chief value of this collection, however, lies not in its curiosities. The fact that the Lewis and Clark "Travels" were printed in America, England, Holland, France and Germany, and that they continue to be reprinted to this day, more than a hundred years since the first edition, is a sufficient indication that the subject has interested the greater part of the civilized world.

For intrinsic historical interest the Thwaites edition, published by Dodd, Mead & Company in New York, in 1904-5, must take precedence of all others, for it is printed from the original manuscripts, in the possession of the American Philosophical Society, and contains beside, a mass of heretofore unpublished note-books, letters and journals, owned by descendants of the explorers.

Some of this new material causes a readjustment of our historical perspective. For example Thomas Jefferson's plans for the advancement of the West are shown to have been matured long before the purchase of Louisiana was thought of, by a letter written to George Rogers Clark, the elder brother of William, dated at Annapolis, December 4, 1783, proposing to him to head an expedition "for exploring the country from the Mississippi to California." There is nothing to show that Clark responded to this proposal, but Illinois' Revolutionary hero was at this moment engaged in pushing his claims for reimbursement for expenses incurred in his Kaskaskia-Vincennes campaign of 1778.

We who live in the Great Central West, enjoying the wonderful prosperity of this region, should acquaint ourselves with the contents of these volumes in order to renew our veneration for Thomas Jefferson, the father of Trans-Mississippi Exploration, and for his chosen leaders of the enterprise, whose indefatigable labors gave us the country.

In 1787 when minister to Paris, Jefferson negotiated

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with John Ledyard, the companion of Captain James Cook, to cross Europe and Asia and approach the sources of the Missouri by way of Kamchatka and Nootka Sound. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, the Russian government captured the poor gentleman and carried him back to Poland. In 1793, as vice-president of the American Philosophical Society, Jefferson planned an expedition to be headed by André Michaux, the French botanist, but Michaux being chosen by the French minister Genet to deal with George Rogers Clark, who was in the act of leading a band of Kentuckians against New Orleans, this effort also proved abortive. However, no sooner was he made president than he fondly reverted to his beloved scheme, and in January 1803 sent his secret message to Congress which resulted in the appropriation of \$2500 to finance the expedition, which Captain Meriwether Lewis, his private secretary, was chosen to lead.

Captain Lewis' choice of a companion to share his responsibilities fell upon his boyhood friend William Clark, whose elder brother we have seen, was Jefferson's first ideal of a leader. The military exploits of young Clark had already been numerous. When but eighteen years old he joined Colonel John Hardin's* expedition against the Indians north of the Ohio River.

On the 31st of August, 1803, Captain Lewis embarked at Pittsburg picking up Clark and several recruits at Louisville. At this point most writers of history have been content to record that "the expedition win-

*John Hardin, himself a veteran of Lord Dunmore's War, the Revolutionary and Indian Wars, is the progenitor of a long line of brilliant soldiers. His grandson, Major John J. Hardin, mustered-in Lincoln's company in the Black Hawk War, and lost his life in the Battle of Buena Vista. His great-grandson, Brigadier-General Martin D. Hardin, who is a member of this Society, served on the staff of Col. R. E. Lee during the John Brown raid, commanded the 12th Pennsylvania Reserves, in the battles of Gettysburg and Fallen Timbers, and after almost countless acts of bravery, was retired in 1870 because of wounds.

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tered on the east side of the 'Mississippi.'" It seems probable that it is owing to this summary treatment of the happenings of the next five months that the majority of Illinoisans have never realized that Illinois has the honor of furnishing the headquarters of the expedition from late December, 1803, until May 14, 1804. But that such is the case the Journals of Captain Clark bear ample witness, and on the fly-leaf of one of his note-books may be read the following memorandum by his own hand:

"Capts. Lewis & Clark wintered at the entrance of a small river opposite the mouth of Missouri called Wood River, where they formed their party composed of robust, healthy, hardy young men."

To be sure modern gazeteers and atlases ignore Wood river completely, but poverty of material only adds zest to search, and fortunately early writers were more explicit. The Rev. John Mason Peck, author of a *Gazetteer of Illinois* (published in Jacksonville, in 1834), was a faithful chronicler of extinct towns and obsolete rivers, and gives the following note corroborative of Clark's statement.—

"Wood River, in Madison County, enters the Mississippi nearly opposite the mouth of the Missouri. It rises in Macoupin and runs through a fine country."

The temptation is strong to attempt to identify the exact spot of the winter camp, for who knows but that some of the camp kettles and tools, mentioned in Clark's inventories, may have been left behind, and mark the site today. John Reynolds, who came to Illinois in 1800, refers to the camp in most interesting fashion, but want of space forbids more at this time than this passing reference, and the expression of the hope that this Society may feel justified in continuing this investigation with a view to recommending the site to the Commission for Investigating State Park Sites. Space also forbids following up the expedition, or even quoting at length from

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Clark's Journal at "Camp River Dubois," as the French settlers called it, although this document enriches our scanty store of data for the history of Illinois at this period. The present writer will be content, therefore, with quoting the following observations from Clark's Meteorological Diary, which at this point reads not unlike a Psalm of David, for it will help the investigator to picture to his mind's eye the coming of spring in Camp Dubois:

- April 1st.* The Spice wood is in full bloe, the dogs tooth violet, and May apple appear above ground.
13th. The brant, Geese, Duck, Swan, Crane and other aquatic birds have gone further north. The Summer duck are now here in great numbers.
17th. Peach trees in full Bloom the Weeping willow has put forth its leaves. The *violet*, the *doves foot*, & *cowslip* are in bloe. The Trees of the forest particularly the Cottonwood begin to obtain from the size of their buds a Greenish cast at a distance. The Gooseberry which is also in this countrey and lilack have put forth their leaves.

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When the Society purchased the Diary of James K. Polk, in 1901, the fact was rather widely heralded by the press, for competent scholars had pronounced it the most valuable document bearing upon American history remaining unpublished. Moreover, John Quincy Adams is the only other president who kept such a diary. On every side the hope was expressed that the Society would put it into print without delay, for until the twenty-four manuscript volumes comprising this Diary were brought forth from the small cow-hide trunk in which the ex-president conveyed his papers from the White House to his home in Nashville, the period of Polk's administration had been accounted remarkably poor in original records. Nevertheless events of colossal importance so crowded one another during his administration, that George Bancroft, Secretary of the Navy under Polk, said of it: "His administration viewed from the standpoint of results was perhaps the greatest in our history. . . He succeeded because he

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insisted on being its centre and in overruling and guiding all of his secretaries."

At the risk of trenching upon the province of the published "Diary", and that of its editor, Dr. M. M. Quaife, the present writer ventures to recall, that, by being the "centre" of his administration, and overruling friends and enemies alike Polk succeeded in settling the Oregon boundary with England, acquiring California, and annexing Texas, thereby adding more territory to the United States than any president except Jefferson.

At the time of Polk's nomination for the presidency, the party-cry of the Whigs "Who is Polk"? had a certain appropriateness. The answer to that query has been long in coming, but now it seems to be at hand. May it not be that, when the man shall stand self-revealed, as he must do after the publication of this Diary, the response "James K. Polk, Empire Builder" will be forthcoming. Intimations of this verdict seem to be foreshadowed in the following comments. Dr. Francis W. Shepardson, Associate Professor of American History of the University of Chicago, writes:

"A notable addition to the source material for the study of the middle period of United States history is made by the Chicago Historical Society. . . All serious students of American history owe a debt of gratitude to the Society for the publication of the *Diary of James K. Polk*."

In a three column article in the *New York Sun*, a reviewer says:

"The Diary in its printed form is a credit to Chicago and takes its place as perhaps the most important publication in the field of American history which has come from the middle west in many a year."

To have performed so signal a service for the advancement of historical studies must be deeply gratifying to the Society. The delays and misfortunes attending the work of publication were treated in the report of last year.

An edition of 1000 sets of the *Diary* was published for the Society by A. C. McClurg & Company, 500 of these being issued with a special title-page and label to

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conform with the earlier volumes of the Society's published *Collections*.*

During the last week of July the first shipment of the books, consisting of 302 sets, was received. As instructed by the Publication Committee the Librarian at once sent letters to the members inquiring when and where delivery was desired, and enclosing postal cards for reply. In addition to the Life and Annual Members, notices were sent to the following Honorary Members: Charles Francis Adams, Shelby M. Cullom, Edmond J. James, J. Franklin Jameson and Theodore Roosevelt; 30 Corresponding members, the latter being generally historians; and to 14 historical societies on the Society's Exchange List.

At date there remain 48 members to be heard from, the majority of these being known to be absent from the city.

Some of the acknowledgments received contain words of hearty commendation of the work. Mr. Charles C. Curtis wrote: "This publication is emphatically credit-

*Inasmuch as many of the members have asked for lists of the publications in the *Collections* series, the following brief catalogue is given here,

Vol. I. "History of the English Settlement in Illinois," by GEORGE FLOWER; published at the expense of Levi Z. Leiter, 1882.

Vol. II. "Enoch Long: An Illinois Pioneer," by HARVEY REED; published at the expense of Levi Z. Leiter, 1884.

Vol. III. "The Edwards Papers," edited by ELIHU B. WASHBURN; published at the expense of Marshall Field, 1884.

Vol. IV. "Early Chicago and Illinois," edited by EDWARD G. MASON; published with the interest of the Jonathan Burr Fund, 1890.

Vol. V. "The Settlement of Illinois, 1778-1830," by ARTHUR CLINTON BOGGESS, Professor of History and Political Science in Pacific University; published at the expense of Dr. O. L. Schmidt, 1908.

Vols. VI. to IX., "The Diary of James K. Polk, During His Presidency, 1845 to 1849," now first printed from the original manuscript owned by the Society; edited and annotated by MILO MILTON QUAIFFE, Assistant Professor in the Lewis Institute of Technology; with an introduction by Andrew Cunningham McLaughlin, in four volumes; published for the Society by A. C. McClurg & Co., 1910.

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able to the Society and cannot fail to be appreciated by all of its members. It presages, I hope, an important departure."

The Publishers report the sale of 125 sets to November 1st. These net the Society \$1660.67, and with 40 sets donated to the press for review, and 335 sets on hand aggregate the 500 sets of the trade edition. As the book was issued late in the season it can scarcely be said to have gotten before the public until the fall, and the Publishers anticipate that there will be a steady demand for it by libraries and educational institutions.

For many years the Society has been indefatigable in its efforts to collect authentic materials relative to the history of Fort Dearborn, the annals of which are so interwoven with the fabric of Chicago's past that to withdraw them would destroy our historical background. The process of assembling this data has an added significance from the fact that this was the favorite line of endeavor of the Honorable John Wentworth, during his long period of membership in the Society. In anticipation of the centennial anniversary of the Fort Dearborn Massacre, which will occur in August, 1912, the Executive Committee, last June, authorized Dr. Quaife to use the above mentioned papers in the compilation of a volume, to be published by the Society, in commemoration of this tragic event. Some progress has already been made in the examination of the materials for this volume.

In examining the catalogue of the *Collections Series*, at the foot of p. 317, it will be noticed that between the date of publication of volume IV. and that of volume V. eighteen years had elapsed, and also that with one exception this series has been published at the expense of individual members of the Society. The reason for this is not far to seek when it is known that The Jonathan Burr Fund of \$2000 has, until now, been the only fund established for publishing purposes.

Students of the history of the Central West will be glad to know that, in all probability, the manuscripts of the Society will in the future be available to them with somewhat greater frequency, inasmuch as the income

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from two newly created funds have, by resolution of the Executive Committee, been dedicated to the editing and publishing of the Society's historical materials. The funds alluded to are The Marshall Field Fund and The James K. Polk Fund, mentioned in the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

In addition to the Society's *Yearbook* for 1909, the published *Proceedings* have received the following additions, prepared for the press and proof read by the Librarian, in accordance with the instructions of the Publication Committee:

- "The Preamble and Boundary Clause of the Illinois Constitution," by HERMAN G. JAMES, J. D., Member of the Illinois Bar, read before the Society January 18, 1910; and
- "The Indian as a Diplomatic Factor in the History of the Old Northwest," a paper read before the Society March 28, 1907, by ISAAC JOSLIN COX, Professor of American History in the University of Cincinnati.

The manuscript of the latter paper was retained by the author for revision until last spring. Both of the above are now ready for distribution.

It will no doubt be pleasing to the Executive Committee to know the very unusual degree of appreciation accorded the *Yearbook*. Many collectors of Lincolniana have requested copies owing to the fact that in its pages much space is given to an account of the Society's Lincoln Centennial Celebration, held during the month of February, 1909, and to a catalogue of the exhibit at that time of manuscripts and mementoes relative to Lincoln.

Field Work —

Mr. Albert F. Scharf, whose investigations of Indian remains in this locality have contributed more to archaeological studies than have those of any other one member of the Society in late years, has recently made a study of an ancient fortification in Will county, near Joliet. He reports that in his opinion, this fort, popularly supposed to have formed a link in the cordon of French forts in Illinois, may be of Indian origin. The earthworks, now about two feet above the surrounding

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turf, clearly define a space of irregular form, 120 by 146 feet in their greatest dimensions. His notes are accompanied by a sketch of the embankment, made by Adam Comstock, of Joliet, who surveyed and platted the locality in 1894. Mr. Scharf thinks that the earthworks near Park Ridge in Cook county, if surveyed would be found to be almost identical in configuration,

On September 17th, Mr. C. F. Gunther, Judge E. O. Brown, and the Librarian were guests of the Sanitary District and the Knights of Columbus on a trip by boat to Lockport by way of the Chicago River and the Drainage Canal. The expedition was for the purpose of visiting certain sites mentioned in Marquette's Journal, as well as for examining the wonderful water-way. The now accepted site of Marquette's winter-quarters, 1674-5, at Robey Street and the river, was the first point visited. Here a landing was made and Mr. T. A. O'Shaughnessy made an interesting address on the service performed by Marquette, advancing an idea that was new to his auditors, namely, that the exploration of the Mississippi valley by French missionaries in the seventeenth century may have had a moral influence upon those of the colonists who in 1775 were doubtful of the success of the revolt against Great Britain, causing them to take courage from the fact of the asylum offered by the French civilization that had sprung up in the Mississippi valley.

On October 15th, Dr. O. L. Schmidt, Mr. S. H. Kerfoor, Jr., and the Librarian made an expedition by automobile to Bowmanville, or "Indian Village No. 1"* at the invitation of Mr. Philip C. Schupp, for the purpose of examining the relics of the Stone Age collected by him from this site, once the location of the largest Indian town in the vicinity of Chicago. The approximate population in the French regime can be estimated from a letter of St. Cosme who in 1699 visited Fathers Pinet and Binneteau at the "Mission de L'Ange Guardian des Miamis de Chicagwa", as the site of Bowmanville was then known to the Jesuits. St. Cosme writes,

"Leur maison est batie sur le bord de la petite rivière ayant d'un coté le Lac et de l'autre une belle et grande prairie. Le village des sauvages est plus de 100 cinquante cabanes et une lieue dans la rivière, il y a encore un autre village presque aussi grand. Ces sont tous des Miamis."

*See Scharf's *Map of Indian Trails in the Vicinity of Chicago*.

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We have the authority of Mr. Scharf for the statement that 150 cabins would house 750 persons.

Mr. Schupp's collection represents a life-time's labor of love and his exceptional opportunities for gathering, together with his well directed enthusiasm, have combined to make this the most extensive and most scientifically arranged collection in the Chicago region. After examining such part of it as was possible in one afternoon the Committee was unanimous in its opinion that Mr. Schupp has performed a service of inestimable educational value to this community, and that it is very desirable that his collection be exhibited in such a manner as will make it accessible to students. Mr. Schupp has since expressed his willingness to exhibit such portions as may be practicable in the Society's Building.

In a small booklet entitled "Constitution and By-Laws of the Historical Society of the City of Chicago," printed in 1856, we read that —

"One of the particular objects of the association shall be to encourage investigation of aboriginal remains, and, more particularly to provide for the complete and scientific exploration and survey of such aboriginal monuments as exist within the limits of this State."†

As early as 1863, in the Society's first and only report to the Governor of Illinois, Dr. Barry thus emphasized the importance of preserving the Indian mounds and their contents:

"The Society would urgently commend to the Legislature and the people of Illinois, the earliest provision for the recovery and safety of these sole traditions of a by-gone race, already fast disappearing under the plow, or becoming marred by idle or wanton hands. It would be a lasting reproach upon our intelligence and respect for the past, that these solemn mementoes, which time and the elements and human passions for ages have reverentially spared, should be permitted to disappear in an age of modern civilization, without one attempt to rescue them from premature obliteration and utter ruin."

Inasmuch as this Society was the pioneer champion of the prehistoric race in the state of Illinois, it would seem very fitting if, in these latter days, it might have the privilege of encouraging archaeological investigation.

†The Society's first Committee on Aboriginal History and Monuments was composed as follows: Messrs. J. V. Z. Blaney, W. B. Ogden, and J. H. Kinzie.

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tion and instruction of the youth of our land and as a place of healthful recreation for the people of our State; and

Whereas:

The Legislature of the State of Illinois passed an act approved June 9, 1909, and entitled "An Act for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report upon the preservation of certain lands for public parks in the State of Illinois," and authorizing "the Governor of this State to appoint a commission of five members to be known as the 'Illinois Park Commission,' whose duties should be 'to make an investigation of Starved Rock and its contiguous territory, and to ascertain its adaptability for the purposes of a State park, and the value of the property,' and to report thereon 'to the next General Assembly, or the Forty-seventh General Assembly.'"

Now therefore be it and it is hereby

Resolved, by the Chicago Historical Society in Special Meeting assembled,

That this Society does hereby heartily commend and indorse the aforesaid legislative action, and does hereby request and urge said Legislature to take such further action and make such additional appropriations as may be proper and necessary to bring about the acquiring by the State of Illinois of said Starved Rock and so much of its surroundings as may be deemed advisable, for a public park to be maintained and preserved as above set forth.

Be it further, and it is hereby

Resolved, That a copy hereof be sent to his Honor, Governor Deneen, and to each member of the Legislature from Cook, La-Salle, Bureau and Putnam Counties, and to the President of each Historical Society, Out Door Improvement Association, Patriotic Society, and other organizations in this State, whose spirit and purposes are in sympathy with the preservation of historic places within our boundaries.

Relations with Historical Societies and Kindred Institutions—

During the year past the increase in requests of various organizations for the privilege of holding meetings in the Society's Lecture Hall, the large number of inquiries for historical information, and frequent invitations to join in various civic as well as historical activities, force the conclusion that need is being felt for the special function of this institution in the life of our city. In responding as generously as it has done to the demands made upon the Society, the Executive Committee, while never departing from the high ideals set by its predecessors, has manifested the democratic spirit that was equally enjoined by those predecessors.

In this connection the writer begs leave to quote from

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an address delivered at the Society's annual meeting November 19, 1868, by the Hon. Isaac N. Arnold:

"Permit me to add some considerations which should secure for this Institution the aid of the public. Its field of usefulness is not less broad and national than that of any similar institution in the country. . . Chicago, already so eminent in many things, aspires to become also a library centre and to irradiate the great valley of which she is the commercial representative. . . We have boasted long enough of our grain-elevators, our railroads, our trade in wheat and lumber; our business palaces; let us now have libraries, galleries of art, scientific museums, noble architecture and public parks, specimens of landscape gardening, and a local literature; otherwise there is danger that Chicago will become merely a place where ambitious young men will come to make money and achieve a fortune, and then go elsewhere to enjoy it. You must have culture, taste, beauty, art, literature, or there is danger that our city will become a town of mere traders and money-getters; rude, unlettered, hard, sharp, and grasping. Let us sow the seed generously, and, even if we do not ourselves live to gather the fruit, those who shall hereafter reap the harvest will bless the sowers. . . What is done here, at this half-way house between the two oceans, is to influence for good or evil, our whole country from sea to sea. . . Within these walls the merchant, the artisan, the statesman may come, away from the noisy world outside, and commune with the great spirits of all ages. . . Here, especially, let us provide that every student of American history may follow our nation from its feeblest beginnings, through Indian, colonial, revolutionary, and progressive annals, down to and through the recent great drama of civil war; and doing this, we shall ourselves do something worthy of being remembered."

Early in the year the Society was asked to become a charter member of a new organization to be known as "The Council for Library and Museum Extension." The object of this organization, the membership of which is limited to the chief educational, philanthropic and recreational institutions of the city, is "to bring these institutions into a closer relation to the end that their facilities shall be given the greatest efficiency." Mr. George Merryweather was appointed this Society's delegate with the Librarian as alternate. Other institutions represented in this body are the University of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Art Institute, The Academy of Science, The Board of Education, The Public Library, The John Crerar Library, Hull House, The City Club, and The Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. The deliberations of this body have been highly

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enlightening as to the activities of other organizations, has afforded unprecedented opportunity for knowing and being known, and in fact have constituted a clearing-house for co-operative ideas. The Council has undertaken the compilation of a *Handbook of Chicago Institutions*, and as if impelled by Mr. Arnold's warning to "money-getters," the Commercial Association has agreed to assume the expense of the undertaking as part of its propaganda for making a city intellectual as well as a city beautiful.

The Chicago Plan Committee, through Mr. Jens Jensen, last summer requested a list of historic sites in Chicago with a view to recognizing these sites in the plans for new streets. Of chief importance in the long list of sites furnished by the Society, is the Chicago river, the suggestion being that, like the Seine, it should be spanned at certain points by beautiful bridges, each a monument to a Chicago pioneer associated with the river's history—and that the bridge forming the link connecting the north and south boulevards be named from the first white men who plied its waters—the "MARQUETTE-JOLIET BRIDGE." On the occasion of Mr. Cook's lecture, Mr. F. A. Delano, a member of the Society, then Chairman of the Chicago Plan Committee, loaned the Society a set of lantern slides illustrating the City Plan, thus supplementing the Society's slides of early Chicago, the Society afterward loaning its slides to Mr. Delano for a lecture before the Association of Commerce.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association is doing an important work, to which this Society is a contributor, in having transcribed all documents bearing upon the history of the Mississippi Valley, to be found in the archives at Paris. At the recent meeting at Iowa City, this Society was represented by Dr. Quaife. It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Association in Evanston, Illinois, in May or June next, and this Society has been called upon to join with the Evanston Historical Society and Northwestern University in acting as hosts to the visiting Association. The headquarters will be in Evanston, but it is hoped that one all-day session

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can be held in Chicago. As some of the members of the Association will come from a great distance and inasmuch as the larger majority are scholars and workers in the history of the Middle West who will be particularly interested in this Society's collections, it will be both a pleasure and honor to have them as guests. The matter of their entertainment has been placed in the hands of the Library Committee, but inasmuch as the visitors may be numerous, the Committee will need the assistance of the members of the Society at large to make the occasion representative not only of the Society but of Chicago.

Special Exhibits—

On the occasion of his address on "The King of Beaver Island," Mr. Henry E. Legler loaned a group of imprints from the press of James Strang. These together with the Society's collection of Nauvoo imprints and the first edition of the *Book of Mormon* formed a notable exhibit.

On April 19th, when Mr. Eaton Osman lectured on Starved Rock, there were shown arrow-points and spear-heads gathered from the Rock, very possibly the actual weapons with which the last of the Illini defended themselves in 1769; also manuscripts and rare books relative to LaSalle and Tonty who nearly a century before had christened their fortress there, "Fort Saint Louis."

Special exhibitions were held on Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and as they proved an attraction to quite a number of children it seems advisable to make these exhibitions annually, for their educational value is unquestionably great. The Society's Washingtoniana, previous to the exhibit, consisted in the main of the Charles Wilson Peale portrait of Washington, the gift of Mr. Gunther, and a razor and lancet, said to have belonged to the first president. Owing to this poverty of material an appeal was made to the patriotic societies. Some exceedingly choice relics were loaned by Mrs. Robert H. Wiles, Regent of the Daughters of 1812, and by Mrs. George B. Woodward, of the D. A. R., whose husband's grandmother, Betsy Billings Curtis, was a close friend of Martha Washington, and received these

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articles as keepsakes when George and Martha Washington were guests at the Curtis home in Boston.

Mr. David S. Wegg, a member of this Society, loaned a "Constitution Mirror" and a series of historic plates. Mrs. LaVerne W. Noyes loaned a copy of Gilbert Stuart's unfinished portrait of Washington. The generous response which met the Society's request for these loans was gratefully appreciated. Several Washington portraits and relics were given to the Society after the Exhibition and it is hoped that by another year a more representative display can be made.

A special exhibit of views of Early Chicago comprising the "Ivy Green Series," 1803-1839, loaned by Mr. William H. Gale, and color-prints of Chicago in the 60's loaned by Dr. O. L. Schmidt, drew many visitors to the Reading Room on the evening of Mr. Cook's lecture, where was shown the Society's collection of early programs of theatres and concerts (one of the latter with the caption "Frank Lumbard's Concert Troop from Chicago"), also many decorated invitations to balls, and even an antiquated valentine dating from the early days of Chicago.

Attendance—

The number of visitors to the library and collections, exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

| | READERS | | VISITORS | | TOTALS |
|--------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| | Men | Women | Men | Women | |
| 1st quarter, | 180 | 25 | 196 | 62 | 463 |
| 2d quarter, | 200 | 93 | 689 | 576 | 1558 |
| 3d quarter, | 129 | 54 | 374 | 164 | 721 |
| 4th quarter, | 108 | 44 | 324 | 178 | 654 |
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| | 617 | 216 | 1583 | 980 | 3396 |

Total Readers, 833. Total Visitors, 2563.

The largest attendance for one day was February 22, when 117 visitors were recorded.

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The total attendance at the nine special functions of the year was 1270.

Applications filed for books record 2210 volumes specifically called for. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

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| Chicago history, geography, etc..... | 579 |
| Illinois history, geography, etc..... | 495 |
| Chicago and Illinois newspapers..... | 400 |
| "Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley.. | 269 |
| Biography..... | 76 |
| Manuscripts..... | 92 |
| Indians and antiquities..... | 73 |
| Reference and miscellaneous works..... | 226 |

Among notable visitors and early residents who have signed the Visitors' Register are the following:

Alice Barbara Stahl, Galena, Illinois, daughter of Frederick Stahl, who was present at the signing of the Indian treaty at Chicago in 1833.

Mary Alice Lewis, daughter of Chauncey Lewis, who was present at the Pottawottami treaty.

A. N. Waterman, who passed through Chicago in the fall of 1854.

W. J. Wahl, great-grandson of Josette La Framboise and Jean Baptiste Beaubien, and of Alexander Robinson; grandson of Ellen Marie Beaubien and Joseph Robinson.

C. N. Gould, University of Chicago.

D. M. Swiney, who came here in 1865.

Camille Enlart, Director Trocadero sculptural Museum, Paris.

Baron de Saint-Laurent, Consul of France, at Chicago.

Daniel Fish, Minneapolis, Minn., collector of Lincolniana.

Samuel Sewall Greeley, Winnetka, Ill., who came to Chicago October 11, 1853.

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Gaillard Hunt, Washington, D. C.

J. McCan Davis, Springfield, Ill.

Tanis B. Van Wyck, Constantine, Mich., who came to Chicago in 1852.

Justin H. Smith, Boston, Mass.

Orrington C. Foster, son of George F. Foster, who came to Chicago in 1836.

John L. Clark, Ottawa, Ill., who came to Kaskaskia in 1834, present owner of the site of LaVantum, Father Marquette's Illinois Mission.

John F. Eberhart, who came to Chicago April 15, 1855.

Julius Guy Lombard, who came to Chicago, April, 1849.

Mrs. Frank Lombard, who came to Chicago in 1851.

Jacob Rehm, arrived in Chicago July 4, 1840.

Horatio Loomis Wait, who came to Chicago May 1, 1856.

Mrs. W. H. French, daughter of James H. Bowen, who came to Chicago April 15, 1857.

Edward C. Wentworth, who arrived in Chicago November 6, 1859.

Christopher Barnhart, who arrived in Chicago December 25, 1851.

Franklin Waldo Smith, born in Chicago May 19, 1849.

Mrs. Sarah Jennette Bushnell Ashton, who arrived in Chicago September 7, 1855.

Henry E. Hamilton, son of Colonel Richard Hamilton, came to Chicago February 25, 1840.

Thomas Foley, who arrived in Chicago March 6, 1854.

Warren Upham, Secretary and Librarian, Minnesota Historical Society.

Esther Buel, daughter of Henry Buel, who came to Chicago in 1852.

Emma Anderson Norland, daughter of Rev. Paul Anderson, who came to Chicago in 1842, and Martha Lawson, who came in 1839.

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E. B. Stickley, New Hampton, Iowa, great-grandson of Capt. William Wells.

Kate Mills Boyd and Lottie L. Mills, daughters of John A. Mills who arrived in Chicago 1851 and and lived in Light House Cottage, Fort Dearborn.

James M. DeWitt, New York City, one of the original Zouave Cadets, attending the 50th anniversary of the old company, October 10, 1910.

Clarence S. Paine, Secretary, Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Isaac Joslin Cox, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Belden F. Culver, daughter of Rev. William Barry, who was mainly instrumental in founding the Historical Society, 1856.

Agnes Goodwin Culver, granddaughter of Rev. William Barry.

Classes from the public schools visited the Society more numerous than ever before owing to the wise arrangements made by Mrs. Young, the Superintendent of Schools. For cultivating patriotism, alike in native as in foreign born children, the Society's collections are of the highest value, a fact that is coming to be appreciated by educators and settlement workers, as will be seen from the following:

Faith E. Smith, Director, and 6 members of Training class, Chicago Public Library.

Isabel A. Johnstone, 28 pupils of the eighth grade, William H. Ray School.

Albert S. Wilson and senior students of Library School of University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

Eleanor Reese Dunn, Principal, and 20 eighth grade pupils of the Hancock School.

Maude I. Steele and 20 pupils of the eighth grade, Ray School.

Victor Earle Harris and eight grade pupils of the Eugene Field School.

Kent G. Chetlain, 8th grade, Eugene Field School.

Homer E. Robertson, eighth grade, Eugene Field School.

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Forrest B. Kent, eighth grade, Eugene Field School.
Donald Bohn, eighth grade, Eugene Field School.

Viola G. Canty and 17 eighth grade pupils, Curtis School.

Alice M. Boyle and 17 eighth grade pupils, Curtis School.

E. B. Smith and 25 pupils, Revere School.

Arthur O. Rape and 29 pupils of Burke School.

Rose C. Quinn and 32 eighth grade pupils, L. Nettelhorst School.

M. R. Mather and 34 pupils, Scanlan School.

W. H. Campbell and 40 pupils of the eighth grade, Wentworth School.

Jeannette Tidball and 33 pupils of the eighth grade, Morse School.

Dorothy R. Knowles and class of 35 from Normal Practice School.

Ethelwyn Charles and class from John Marshall High School.

Adele Lackner and class of 35 U. of C. Elementary School.

Dora Wells and Extension class, Chicago Teachers' College.

Cataloguing—

As the portion of the Society's collections pertinent to its field had at the close of last year been entered in the Author Catalogue, and inasmuch as all materials were classified and accessible to the public, the Librarian felt justified in recommending that attention be turned to other branches of the work before proceeding to make an index of the library by subjects. The total number of cards now in the general catalogue is 24,083, this includes the catalogue of periodicals. The Portrait Index contains 10,115 entries and the Index of Illinois Views 2695. The catalogue of lantern slides and photographic negatives now contains 350 entries.

Binding—

During March over 400 volumes of leather bound books, most of them in very poor condition, were treated with a substance for renewing and prolonging the life of leather. This substance is furnished by Miss Janet C.

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Lewis, of New York, who has applied it with very satisfactory results in the Boston Atheneum, Boston Public, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and J. Pierpont Morgan libraries. After several months the condition of the books seems to demonstrate the validity of the claim that this substance has a tendency to overcome the dry rot in leather. Unquestionably it toughens the fiber. The cost of the process is very moderate and the treatment has to be repeated only once in two or three years. It seems very desirable in a library of this kind to preserve the original bindings as these add to the appearance and value of the books.

The Illinois Session Laws and the Journals of the Senate have been rebound in leather with blue cartridge paper boards, the original labels being retained to preserve the appearance of age.

The early volumes of the *Democrat*, 1836-1856, are being repaired and rebound, brown canvass being used for this purpose on account of durability. It may be recalled here with propriety that the Society owes its file of this invaluable paper to the indefatigable industry and energy with which Hon. John Wentworth labored to replace the file destroyed by the Great Fire.

Accessions—

The additions to the Library by gift and purchase since November 1, 1909, are as follow:

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| 93 manuscripts, | 1225 pamphlets, | 341 miscellaneous, |
| 736 volumes | 37 maps, | 2431 total. |

Of the 2431 items recorded in the Accession Record 2131 were donations.

In the classified list of accessions that follows the collections headed "Manuscripts," and "Works of Lewis and Clark," comprise the most important accessions of the year. However, certain other sections deserve special mention. The heading "Pioneer Churches and Clergy" was made necessary by the large acces-

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sions of reports on missions to the Indians, narratives of pioneer preachers, etc. Strange as it may seem these publications contain a mass of material relative to the Indians and settlement of the West. Dr. Jameson calls them the "American Acta Sanctorum," and in his address as president of the American Historical Association, in 1906, made a strong appeal for their preservation. As usual the heading "Lincolniana" has a goodly number of titles, as has that of "Canada," this last mainly owing to the efforts of Dr. Schmidt to round out the Society's meagre collection in this important field. Scattered through the accessions will be noticed many scarce and valuable works from the library of the late Ezra B. McCagg.

Attention is directed to several individual items of more than passing interest. By far the most valuable of these is a great wall-map, 4 x 7½ feet in size, showing Chicago in 1857. The word map does not adequately describe this treasure, for it is more than a plat, it is mechanically a topographical view drawn in perspective. It is the work of I. T. Palmatary and is published by Braunhold & Sonne. In this view is shown every building, street, grass plat and tree within the area bounded by the Lake, Archer Avenue, Union Park and North Avenue. This is a priceless treasure, for it gives back to Chicago, as it were, a portrait of her long lost youth before the Fire, for in 1857 she was but a maiden of twenty summers' corporate existence. Other copies of this map are extant, but as far as the writer knows these have all been varnished and are so discolored that much of their detail, including the index below the lithograph, has become obliterated. This copy was purchased from a dealer in Brixlegg, Tyrol, and is as fresh and new as though printed yesterday. Mr. Gunther donated half of the purchase price and Dr. Schmidt has had it handsomely framed. Some of the interesting features de-

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picted are the palatial home of William B. Ogden, with its Greek-pillared portico, occupying the square bounded by Ontario, Cass, Erie, and Rush streets; occupying the square just east of this, the home of Walter L. Newberry, with elaborate gardens; and nearby the homes of Isaac N. Arnold, and the Rumseys. Bounded by Ohio, Wolcott, State, Ontario, and Cass is the home of H. H. McGee, surrounded with lilac hedgerows.* The Court House stands in a square of marvelous grass plats and winding paths, while all around are handsome trees. All of the North Side and Michigan and Wabash Avenues are so embowered in trees that Chicago's legend *Urbs in Horto* seems well chosen.

Almost coincident with the acquisition of this map, a book was issued which rehabilitates for us the next following decade in Chicago's history. This work entitled:

"Bygone Days in Chicago: Recollections of the
'Garden City' of the Sixties," by Frederick Francis Cook,

is such a work as few if any persons living to-day could produce. Mr. Cook, who now resides in New York, was a reporter on the *Chicago Times* in the sixties, and to his intimate knowledge of passing events, adds a fine sense of local color and literary values. He should have the gratitude of every loyal Chicagoan for the valuable service he has performed, in that he has given us a picture of our city in the war period with almost photographic distinctness, and yet with a touch so poetic that we do not once forget that it was of this period that Walt Whitman wrote "When lilacs last in the door-yard bloomed."

To Mrs. W. W. Gordon (Nellie Kinzie), of Savannah, Georgia, the Society is indebted for a booklet of

*The home of the late Hon. Lambert Tree, whose wife was Miss McGee, stands in this garden spot to-day, and near it is one of the original lilac bushes grown gnarled with age.

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extraordinary interest, entitled "John Kinzie, The Father of Chicago," in which she has corrected several popular errors in regard to her grandfather.

It is fitting that acknowledgment should be made here of the gift of a complete file of the *Proceedings of the Illinois Press Association*, from 1866 to date. As the meetings of this body were held in nearly every town of importance from Chicago to Cairo, and were addressed by nearly every veteran newspaper editor in the state, this file is an invaluable source for the history of the press of Illinois. The donor is Mr. J. W. Clinton, of Polo, Illinois, for thirty-five years, 1865-1901, owner and editor of the *Ogle County Press*.

A little book entitled "Seth Jones, of New Hampshire," by Edward A. Ellis, is of only the slightest interest to this Society as far as its text is concerned, but has a certain bibliographical interest in it that it was one of the first "dime novels" published. This class of literature had its rise about sixty years ago and dealt in the main with piracy and Indian captivities. The book above mentioned is better, one imagines, than most of its class. It is the story of a scout of wonderful sagacity. Its significance for the Society lies in the fact that this little volume in 1862 fell into the hands of Albert F. Scharf, then a small lad, living in Peru, Illinois. The story gave him his first lesson in forest-lore, and led him in later life to trace the Indian trails in Illinois, which he has so skillfully mapped for this Society.

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An event of no small importance to the Society and to students of the Indian languages is the acquisition of a copy of a manuscript known as the "French-Illinois Dictionary." Pilling in his *Bibliography of the Algonquian Languages* devotes three columns to a description of this curious compilation noting the opinions of many scholars as to its authorship, which, following Shea, he assigns to the learned Père Joseph Ignatius LeBoulanger, S. J. a missionary to the Illinois Indians. Father Marest in his letter, dated Kaskaskia, 9th November, 1712, and published in the *Lettres Edifiantes*, states that the work

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was begun by Father Gravier. the founder of the mission to the Illinois. This copy was purchased from Judge John G. Henderson, of Chicago, who writes that he had the copy made by Mrs. John Moses, the wife of a former secretary of the Chicago Historical Society, from a copy transcribed from the original by John Gilmary Shea, who began its publication in 1865, but had only completed eight pages when the manuscript was withdrawn from his possession.

An important addition to the Society's collection of papers of Gen. James Wilkinson are four letters, the gift of Dr. O. L. Schmidt. They are as follow:

To Lt. Col. Lee, dated Trevoise, June 10, 1782,

“ Henry Lee, Junr., dated (New Orleans) March, 1816,

“ Gov. Holmes, dated N. Orleans, September 14th, 1812,

“ George Gaines, dated Fort Stoddard, November 12th, 1812.

Dr. Schmidt also presents a letter from Gen. William Henry Harrison to William Eustis, Secretary of War, dated Fort Wayne, 30 October, 1809. This is in the handwriting of Nathan Heald. At the time this letter was written, General Harrison was Territorial Governor of Indiana, which up to February of that year had included Illinois. Nathan Heald commanded Fort Dearborn at the time of the Massacre. The character and services of Captain William Wells the martyred hero of the Massacre form the subject of the letter.

The Honorable Fernando Jones has presented his “Old Fort Dearborn” notebook to the Society. This was compiled many years ago at the cost of much labor and patience on the part of Mr. Jones. It contains signed statements by early residents most of whom have long since passed away, among them Hon. H. W. Blodgett, Alexander Beaubien, William S. Beaubien, Benjamin Jones, Samuel S. Greeley, Asa I. Bradley, Henry H. Handy (born in 1838 on Fort Dearborn Reservation). Mrs. Jane Myrick, John M. Cary. The last mentioned states:

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I came to Chicago in the fall of 1836, passed along the sand hills very often and have picked up pieces of gun-locks and stocks, and other relics in the vicinity of 18th Street near the cottonwood tree.

Mr. Jones' own statement is sworn before William H. Bradley, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 27th day of March, 1890.

From Mr. Frank G. Beaubien has been received a typewritten copy of a manuscript of great interest entitled, "The Beaubien or Cuillerier Family of Detroit." The manuscript was compiled by Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, a Corresponding Member of this Society, who has compiled a genealogy of the Kinzie family. Mr. Burton states that the Cuillerier family took the name Beaubien in the early part of the eighteenth century. He also records the claim that the founder of the family in America was a companion of LaSalle. Further on he says: "There are no more interesting characters in the entire family than the two brothers Jean Baptiste and Mark Beaubien. They were born at Detroit [in 1787 and 1800 respectively]." The first mentioned is known as the second permanent settler of Chicago, having arrived here in 1805, and later became one of Chicago's greatest citizens. Mr. Burton continues: "Jean Baptiste Beaubien's first known wife was Mah-naw-noquha, an Ottawa Indian, sister of the Chief Shabbona. She died in 1812. The next wife was Josette, daughter of François Laframbois." The last mentioned lady was the owner of the magnificent black lace veil presented to the Society last year. A son of the above, William S. Beaubien, born in 1836, married for his first wife Mary E. Newberry and second Minnie Newberry, of Detroit. It is interesting to note the Christian names of the Beaubien descendants, for by them one may trace the business and social relations, which bound together the families of the little settlement. In the earlier genealogy the names had all been French—Medore, Thérèse, François, Napoléon, Alexis. After coming to Chicago we find names reminiscent of the Whistlers, the Kinzies, the Newberrys, for example William, Gwenthellyn, Eleanor, Oliver, Julia, and John Wentworth.

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Thus grows the collection of family histories in manuscript which have been prepared for and presented to the Society. The list now includes the lines of Whistler, Helm, Kinzie, and Beaubien. If the other "first families" can be induced to have similar records prepared the Society may be able to add a volume of genealogies to its Collection Series which would be a companion volume to the one on Fort Dearborn for which materials have been collected.

From Mr. Henry E. Hamilton has been received Gurdon S. Hubbard's autobiography written in the well known hand of "The Old Pioneer," as Mr. Hubbard was affectionately called by those who knew him in his latter days. This invaluable record is inscribed on the blank pages of an old ledger and contains matter that has never appeared in print. The account begins with Mr. Hubbard's birth, which occurred in 1802, and describes his arrival at Chicago in 1818, as a member of the Illinois Brigade of the American Fur Company. The above facts are sufficient to indicate the interest which the document has. No personal record has come down to us from the pioneers that has more weight of authority than this one, for Mr. Hubbard speaks of primitive conditions from his own experience, was a man of affairs without a superior in his time, and was noted for his remarkable regard for truth.

Accompanying the Journal is a letter to him from his father-in-law, Ahira Hubbard, dated Chicago, July 15th, 1843, referring to an epidemic of incendiarism, the ware-house of Mr. Kinzie being one of numerous important buildings thus destroyed. The following is an extract from a letter to Mrs. Gurdon S. Hubbard written by Hon. John Dean Caton after Mr. Hubbard's death:

I had known him since 1834 and soon learned to appreciate his great worth, his sterling integrity and wonderful business capacity. At that time he was the most perfect model of physical manhood I ever knew, with extraordinary strength and activity equally extraordinary. His other great excellencies have been so well and so often dwelt upon that I will omit to mention them now, only that I approve of the best and the most that has been said of him.

Mr. A. G. Woodward, of Danville, has presented to the Society ten documents relative to postal matters in

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Illinois, 1828 to 1845. These papers are selected from a very extensive collection of such materials which Mr. Woodward inherited from his maternal grandfather, Amos Williams, who was Postmaster at Danville.

General S. Lockwood Brown, son of William H. Brown, the Society's first president, presented his father's commission as 2nd lieutenant in the 13th New York Cavalry, signed by Dewitt Clinton, May 30, 1818; also a copy of the *Illinois Intelligencer*, published at Vandalia, May 28, 1822, containing the announcement of the marriage of William H. Brown to Miss Harriet Caroline Seward, daughter of Colonel Seward, at Bloomington, Montgomery County. At the same time Mrs. S. Lockwood Brown presented to the Society a large number of souvenirs of Washington life, 1860-1880, also several land patents, and commissions granted to her father, James Brodie, signed by Thomas Ford, Thomas Carlin and other early Governors of Illinois. With the above mentioned is a letter to President Lincoln from A. Chester, dated Washington, May 30, 1863, asking for appointment as Examiner in the Patent Office. On the back of the letter is the following characteristic endorsement in President Lincoln's own hand:—

I am quite willing, and should even be glad to appoint Mr. Chester an Examiner in the Patent Office, if there be a vacancy, and the appointment proved agreeable to the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Patents.

May 30, 1863.

A. LINCOLN.

With the above is a letter from the same correspondent, dated 15, January 1863, and noting the enclosure of a letter from Hon. I. N. Arnold, advocating the restoration to service of a Captain Ripley, and a Lieutenant Pike. This letter is endorsed:

The reports which I have, from the Judge Advocate General, are adverse to Capt. Ripley and Lieut. Pike.

January 16, 1863.

A. LINCOLN.

The document envelope enclosing the above is addressed to Mr. Chester in Lincoln's hand and bears his frank.

From Mr. Robert T. Lincoln have been received the following copies of letters, the originals of which are in his possession:

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From Mrs. D. P. Livermore to President Lincoln, dated Chicago, October 11, 1863, requesting the gift of the "*original manuscript of the proclamation of emancipation*," to be sold and the money applied to the fund being raised for the Sanitary Commission by the patriotic women of the Northwest. Mrs. Livermore ingenuously adds "There would seem to be great appropriateness in this gift to Chicago....but if it be not possible, then allow us to ask for some other simple gift, from Mrs. Lincoln and yourself—sufficient to show that you are cognizant of our efforts and are interested in them."

From Isaac N. Arnold to President Lincoln, dated Washington, October 13, 1863, emphasizing the above request and adding that after the sale the document would be "deposited in the Historical Society of Chicago, where it would have peculiar interest as coming from one whom the Northwest holds in highest honor and respect."

From President Lincoln to the "Ladies having in charge the North Western Fair for the Sanitary Commission, Chicago, Illinois, dated Washington, October 26, 1863, enclosing "the original draft of the Emancipation proclamation."

The Commercial Club of Chicago has deposited with this Society one of its most valued relics. This is the original manuscript of a poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes, entitled, "Chicago." It was read by the author upon the occasion of the visit of the Commercial Club of Chicago to the Commercial Club of Boston, in 1879. The poem contains eight stanzas and is framed in wood from the "Boston Elm Tree." The present writer has been told that the poet after reading the verses promised the manuscript to a member of the Chicago Historical Society. Members of this Society, it would seem, have never been backward in asking for what would add to the prestige of the Chicago Historical Society.

The most curious manuscript received by the Society during the year is that entitled "JOURNAL OR LOG BOOK OF HIS MAJESTIES ARMED SCHOONER DUNMORE, CAPTAIN ALEX'R HARROW COMMANDER." The particular interest of this Log-Book is that the "Dunmore" was a British cruiser on the Great Lakes, 1791-1792, and recalls the strained relations existing between England and the United States after the Treaty of Paris, and indeed until the Webster-Asburton Treaty limited the number of armed cruisers that might be maintained by each of the countries to two.

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A manuscript biography of Rensalear Lafayette Holdridge, presented to the Society by Mr. H. J. Mies, of Saunemin, Illinois, is valuable because it records the experience of one more early pioneer. When Mr. Holdridge was one year old his parents emigrating to this state in a prairie schooner, paused on October, 1830, at Fort Dearborn, in their journey to La Salle County. There they located in time to experience the celebrated "big snow" of December of that year. This storm was so protracted that the food supply ran low and the family subsisted for four weeks on corn ground in a coffee mill. Mr. Holdridge grew to manhood in La Salle County, passing through the experiences common to the settlers of a new country, breaking prairie sod with ox-teams, splitting rails for fences, and herding cattle. He hauled grain and drove live stock to Chicago before the days of railroads. He is described by Mr. Mies as a man of rare ability and public spirit who has held many positions of trust and honor. The above summary is given place here because it emphasizes the type of man who has made Illinois.

From Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., has been received the autograph of U. S. Grant, inscribed upon the visiting-card of Mr. Samuel H. Kerfoot, Sr., while the reception, given in honor of General Grant, was in progress in the parlors of the Palmer House, November 13, 1879. Mr. Kerfoot was an active member of the Citizens Executive Committee that arranged for this historic event. Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., also contributes a description of "Starved Rock and its vicinity," written after a visit to this romantic spot in July, 1907, that may well inspire reverence for its historic associations.

Rev. Albert E. Wells, a Corresponding Member, at the request of the Librarian, prepared and presented to the Society a manuscript account of the Rev. Charles Robinson, Jr., and his family, who migrated to Hancock County, Illinois, in 1823. The writer, who is a grandson of Charles Robinson, was born on a farm that later became the site of the Mormon town of Nauvoo, and at the time of the expulsion of the Mormons from Illinois, his father elected to go with them, leaving his wife, who refused to accompany him.

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LIST OF WORKS ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

PRESENTED BY

CHARLES H. CONOVER.*

JEFFERSON'S MESSAGE

1806

Message from the President of the United States, communicating Discoveries made in exploring the Missouri, Red River, and Washita, by Captains Lewis and Clark, Doctor Sibley, and Mr. Dunbar; with a Statistical Account of the countries adjacent. Read in Congress, February 19, 1806. New York: *Printed by Hopkins and Seymour, and sold by G. F. Hopkins.* No. 118, Pearl Street, 1806, 8°.

1807

Travels in the Interior Parts of America; communicating Discoveries made in exploring the Missouri, Red River, and Washita, by Captains Lewis and Clark, Doctor Sibley, and Mr. Dunbar; with a Statistical Account of the Countries adjacent. As laid before the Senate, by the President of the United States. In February, 1806, and never before published in Great Britain. *Printed for Richard Phillips, 6, Bridge Street, Blackfriars, London, by J. G. Barnard, 57, Snow-hill, 1807.* 8°.

COUNTERFEIT PUBLICATIONS

1809

The Travels of Capts. Lewis & Clarke, by order of the Government of the United States, performed in the years 1804, 1805 & 1806, being upwards of three thousand miles, from St. Louis, by way of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers, to the Pacifick-Ocean. . . To which is subjoined, A Summary of the Statistical view of the Indian Nations, from the Official Communication of Meriwether Lewis. Embellished with a Map of the Country inhabited by the Western tribes of Indians, and five Engravings of Indian Chiefs. Philadelphia: *Published by Hubbard Lester, 1809.* Price 1 dollar 62½ cts. 12°.

*Certain works duplicated in the Society's collection, and therefore returned to Mr. Conover, are not listed.

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1812

Die Reisen der Capitaine Lewis und Clarke; unternommen auf Befehl der Regierung der Vereinigten Staaten in den Jahren 1804, 1805 und 1806, über eine Landerstrecke von mehr als 3000 Meilen, von St. Louis, auf dem Missouri und Columbia, nach dem stillen Meer. . . Samt einer statistischen Uebersicht der Indianer Nationen, aus dem Official Bericht von Meriwether Lewis, [Mit Abbildungen Indianischer Könige.] Friedrichstadt: *Gedruckt bey M. Bartgis.* 1812. 12°.

For note see p. 49 in the preliminary editions of the Report.

1840

The Journal of Lewis and Clarke, to the Mouth of the Columbia River beyond The Rocky Mountains. In the Years 1804-5, & 6. Giving a faithful description of the river Missouri and its source. . . New Edition, with Notes. Revised, corrected, and illustrated with numerous wood cuts. To which is added a complete dictionary of the Indian tongue. Daton, Ohio. *Published and sold by B. F. Ells. John Wilson, Printer,* 1840. 16°.

GASS

1808

A Journal of the Voyages and Travels of a Corps of Discovery, under the Command of Captain Lewis and Captain Clarke, of the Army of the United States: from the mouth of the Missouri River, through the Interior Parts of North America, to the Pacific Ocean: during the years 1804, 1805, & 1806. Containing An Authentic Relation of the most interesting Transactions during the expedition: A Description of the Country: And an Account of its Inhabitants, Soil, Climate, Curiosities, and Vegetables and Animal Productions. By Patrick Gass, one of the Persons employed in the Expedition. Pittsburgh: Printed for David M'Keehan. London: *Reprinted for J. Budd, Bookseller to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Pall-Mall.* 1808. 8°.

1810

Voyage des Capitaines Lewis et Clarke, Depuis l'embouchure du Missouri, jusqu'à l'entrée de la Columbia dans l'Océan Pacifique; fait dans les années 1804, 1805

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GASS

1810

et 1806. . . Rédigé en Anglais par Patrice Gass, Employé dans l'Expédition; Et traduit en Français par A. J. N. Lallemant, l'un des Secrétaires de la Marine. Avec des Notes, deuz Lettres du Capitaine Clarke, et une Carte gravée par J. B. Tardieu. A Paris, *Chez Arthus-Bertrand, Libraire, rue Hautefeuille, n^o 23.* 1810. 8^o.

1810

A Journal of the Voyages and Travels of a Corps of Discovery, under the command of Capt. Lewis and Capt. Clarke of the army of the United States, from the mouth of the river Missouri through the interior parts of North America to the Pacific Ocean, During the Years 1804, 1805 and 1806. . . By Patrick Gass, one of the persons employed in the expedition. With geographical and explanatory notes. Second edition—with six engravings [Copy-Right secured according to Law.] Philadelphia: *Printed for Mathew Carey, No. 122, Market Street.* 1810. 12^o.

1811

Journal of the Voyages and Travels of a Corps of Discovery, Under the command of Capt. Lewis and Capt. Clarke of the Army of the United States, from the mouth of the river Missouri through the interior parts of North America to the Pacific Ocean, During the Years 1804, 1805, and 1806. . . By Patrick Gass, one of the persons employed in the expedition. With geographical and explanatory Notes. Third edition—With six engravings. [Copyright secured according to law.] *Printed for Mathew Cary, No. 122 Market Street.* 1811. 12^o.

1814

Tagebuch einer Entdeckungs-Reise durch Nord-America, von der Mündung des Missouri an bis zum Einflus Columbia in den stillen Ocean, gemacht in den Jahren 1804, 1805 und 1806, auf Befehl der Regierung Vereinigten Staaten, von den beiden Capitans Lewis und Clarke. Uebersetzt von Ph. Ch. Weyland. Mit einer Charte. Weimar, *im Verlage des H. S. privil. Landes-Industrie-Comptoirs,* 1814. 8^o.

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LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

GASS

1847

Lewis and Clarke's Journal to the Rocky Mountains in the Years 1804,-5,-6; as related by Patrick Gass, one of the officers in the expedition. New Edition with numerous engravings. Dayton, *Published by Els, Claflin & Co.* 1847. 12°.

GENUINE HISTORY

1814

History of the Expedition under the command of Captains Lewis and Clark, to the Sources of the Missouri, thence across the Rocky Mountains and down the River Columbia to the Pacific Ocean. Performed during the years 1804-5-6. By order of the Government of the United States. Prepared for the press by Paul Allen, Esquire. In two volumes. Vol. I. [II.] Philadelphia: *Published by Bradford and Inskeep; and Abm. H. Inskeep.* New York, *J. Maxwell, Printer.* 1814. 2 vols. 8°.

1814

Travels to the Source of the Missouri River and across the American Continent to the Pacific Ocean. Performed by Order of the Government of the United States, in the years 1804, 1805 and 1806. By Captains Lewis and Clarke. Published from the Official Report, and illustrated by a map of the route, and other maps. London: *Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown, Paternoster-Row.* 1814. 4°.

1817

Travels to the Source of the Missouri River, and across the American Continent to the Pacific Ocean. Performed by Order of the Government of the United States in the years 1804, 1805, and 1806. By Captains Lewis and Clarke. Published from the Official Report, and illustrated by a map of the route, and other maps. A new edition, in three volumes. Vol. I. [II.] [III.] London: *Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, Paternoster Row.* 1817. 3 volumes. 8°.

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GENUINE HISTORY

1816-1818

Reize naar de Bronnen van den Missouri, en door het vaste Land van America naar de Zuidzee. Gedaan op last van de Regering der Vereenigde Staten van America, in de jaren 1804, 1805, en 1806. Door de Kapiteins Lewis en Clarke. Met eene Kaart. Uit het Engelsch vertaald door N. G. Van Kampen. Eerste [Tweede] [Derde en Laatste] Deel. [Star] Te Dordrecht, bij A. Blussé & Zoon. 1816. 3 vols. 8°.

1902

History of the Expedition under the command of Captains Lewis and Clark to the sources of the Missouri, across the Rocky Mountains, down the Columbia River to the Pacific in 1804-6. A reprint of the edition of 1814, to which all the members of the expedition contributed, with maps. In three volumes. *New Amsterdam Book Company*, Publishers, New York, 1902. 3 vols. 8°.

Note.—No. 44 of 200 numbered and signed copies.

1904

Original Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. 1804-1806, printed from the original manuscripts in the Library of the American Philosophical Society. . . together with manuscript material from other sources. Now for the first time published in full and exactly as written; edited by Reuben Gold Twaites. New York, *Dodd, Mead & Company*, 1902-4. 7 vols. in 14, and Atlas. f°.

Note.—No. 64 of large paper edition limited to 200 sets on Van Gelder hand-made paper, extra illustrated.

MISCELLANEA

1805

Journal of the Senate of the United States of America, being the first session of the Ninth Congress, begun and held in the City of Washington, December 2, 1805. Washington, *printed by Gales & Seaton*, 1821. 8°.

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MISCELLANEA

1806

Journal of the Senate of the United States of America, being the second session of the Ninth Congress begun and held at the City of Washington, December 1, 1806. Washington, *printed by Gales & Seaton*, 1821. 8°.

1806

Proposals by C. & A. Conrad & Co. for publishing The History of the Expedition of Captains Lewis & Clarke through the Continent of North America. 4 p. 8°.

Binder's title "Prospectus."

1548

In the Senate of the United States, January 20, 1848. Submitted and ordered to be printed. Mr. Westcott made the following Report: The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of David Whelply, report: [*text of the report*] 8°. (30th Congress 1st Sess. Senate. Rep. Com. 37.)

1848

In the Senate of the United States, January 20, 1848, substituted and ordered to be printed. Mr. Wescott made the following Report. The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of David Whelply, report... (30th Congress. Senate. Report, no. 37.)

1852

Patrick Gass [To accompany bill H. R. No. 152.] January 29, 1852; Mr. G. W. Thompson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following Report... (32d Congress, 1st session, H. of Reps. Rep. no. 56.)

1882

Donations of Land and Special Grants to June 30, 1880: Miscellaneous Donations.

Land Office, Rept. vol. III., chapter IX. to June 30, 1882.

1883

Acquisition by Purchase, Conquest and Treaty, of Territory to the National and Public Domain by the United States, from 1803 to 1867; The Louisiana Purchase from France...

Land Office, Rept. vol. III., chapter IV. to December 1, 1883.

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MISCELLANEA

1893

Description of the Original Manuscript Journals and Field Notebooks of Lewis and Clark, on which was based Biddle's History of the Expedition of 1804-6, and which are now in the possession of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. 8°. By Dr. Elliott Coues, Washington, D. C. (Read before the American Philosophical Society, January 20, 1893.)

1894

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE,

Librarian.

On motion of MR. HAMILTON, seconded by MR. FRANKEL, the Librarian's Report was accepted, approved and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Nomination now returned and its Chairman, REV. BISHOP CHENEY, presented its report as follows:

November 15, 1910.

Mr. President:

The Nominating Committee begs leave to recommend the following names for election:

For President, THOMAS DENT, to succeed FRANKLIN H. HEAD, who asks to be relieved.

For First Vice-President, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, to succeed THOMAS DENT.

For Second Vice-President, CHARLES H. CONOVER, to succeed the late LAMBERT TREE.

For members of the Executive Committee:

GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, to succeed himself, for the term ending November, 1914.

WILLIAM A. FULLER, to succeed himself, for the term ending November, 1914.

SEYMOUR MORRIS, to fill the unexpired term of WALTER C. NEWBERRY, nominated for the Vice-Presidency.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY,
JAMES H. ROBERTS,
N. S. DAVIS,

Nominating Committee.

On motion of MR. GUNTHER, seconded by MR. FRANKEL, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the persons named for the several offices. The Secretary did as instructed and THE PRESIDENT declared the nominees duly elected.

As there was no deferred business, THE PRESIDENT asked whether there was any new matter to be considered by the Society. Thereupon MR. FRANKEL presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of five or more who from time to time report if it is expedient for the interest of the Chicago Historical Society to change its quarters to a more central location.

After the resolution was duly seconded, the President called for the vote of the Society. The resolution was lost.

There being no further business, on motion of DR. STONE, seconded by MR. BURLEY, the Society adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. SCHMIDT,
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empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 30, 1867.

CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.

Revised, November 29, 1870.

Amended, January 16, 1883.

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Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that

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The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues.

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SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee, constituted above, shall alone hold, manage, administer, and control all the money, property, effects and affairs of the Society: and said committee may appoint a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Secretary, and such assistants and employees in the service of the Society as to said committee may seem fit; and may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of such officers, assistants and employees; and said committee may make investments of the Society's funds, provided that no fund heretofore to or held by the Society for a specific purpose shall be appropriated to or used for any other purpose, and provided further that said committee shall not incur any liability on the part of said Society in any one year which shall exceed its annual income; and it shall be the duty of said committee to make an annual report to the Society of all its acts and doings.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society shall be held on the third day of November in each year, and the fiscal year of the Society shall begin with the first day of January in each year and end with the thirty-first day of October.

SEC. 2. The regular meetings shall be held at such times and conducted in such manner

scribed in the By-Laws and directed by the Executive Committee, provided no such regular meeting shall occur at the same time with the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. At the annual meetings not less than twelve members having the right to vote, and at the special business meetings not less than seven such members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Special meetings and special business meetings may be called by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, of which due notice shall be given at least two days beforehand.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any annual or special meeting; *provided* that a printed or written copy of the proposed alterations or amendments shall have accompanied the notice of the meeting at which they shall be acted upon; and *provided* further that not less than twelve members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. I. SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and call such special meetings and special business meetings as he may deem necessary, or as he may, in writing, be requested to call by five members of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President from the meetings of the Society or from Chicago.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee may adopt such rules for their own action not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as they may find most convenient and necessary.

MEETINGS.

ART. II. SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each of the following named months, to-wit: January, April and October.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of November, the precise hour in the case of this and all other meetings of the Society being designated by the President and stated in the notice of the meeting.

SEC. 3. The exercises of the regular and special meetings of the Society shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, and in general conformity with the objects of the Society.

SEC. 4. The order of business at the special business meetings of the Society shall be as follows.

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding business meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Deferred business.
6. New business.

SEC. 5. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding meeting.
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3. Reports of Committees and Trustees.
4. Election of new members.
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6. Deferred business.
7. New business.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. III. SECTION 1. The dues of the annual members of the Society shall be paid on the third Tuesday of December.

SEC. 2. Should the dues of any member not be paid for the space of one year, the Executive Committee shall notify him in writing, and if the dues are not paid within one month, his membership shall be terminated.

pursuant to such notice, or such default is accounted for to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, such person shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. IV. The By-Laws in whole or in part may be suspended during any special business or annual meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present at any such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended on the same conditions prescribed for amending the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 1911.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading Room of the Society's Building at eight o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, November 21, 1911, pursuant to notice given, as provided by its Constitution.

The year's work of the Society was characterized by its large and unique special exhibitions, which, in themselves of great interest, are serving to bring an increasing number of visitors to the Building, thereby introducing them to the Society's many treasures and activities. The ignorance of the latter on the part of many Chicagoans is often apparent and furnishes us the incentive for using every means to attract attention to the Society's purposes and Building. The Society has participated to much advantage in several expositions in the city, for details of which readers are earnestly requested to consult the Librarian's Report. This work is to be enlarged in the present year.

Attention is also directed to the changes in the Stickney Library, whereby the Elizabeth Hammond Stickney Fund is increased by a considerable amount. The Society is indebted to Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, Jr., for the initiative in this matter.

As the coming year is the centennial of the Fort Dearborn Massacre, which forms such an important historical mark in Chicago's existence, the Executive Committee contemplates, among other means of commemoration, the publication of a book on the subject. With this in view the Publication Committee has placed in the hands of Professor M. M. Quaife the preparation of an exhaustive treatise on the Indian and military conditions in the Chicago area previous to the outbreak and on the evacuation of Fort Dearborn.

Annual Meeting—(Continued)

Before the close of the year it is also hoped to have the publication of another work well under way, namely, the Records of St. Anne's Parish, one of the documents of early French Illinois history, which the Honorable Walter B. Douglas, of St. Louis, a Corresponding Member, has kindly undertaken to edit, with annotations, for the Society.

The Society was called to order by President Dent in the central arcade of the Gilpin Library, as the War Exhibit was still occupying all the available space in the other rooms of the Building.

On motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Gunther, Dr. Schmidt was elected to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

The following members were present: CLARENCE A. BURLEY, WILLIAM H. BUSH, CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, THOMAS DENT, EUGENE H. FISHBURN, JULIUS FRANKEL, CHARLES F. GUNTHER, JULIAN MASON, GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, CHARLES HENRY MULLIKEN, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, EDWARD H. SANFORD, FREDERICK M. SCHMIDT, OTTO L. SCHMIDT, RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, also the Librarian.

The first order of business being the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, MR. BURLEY moved, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as the proceedings had been published in the 1910 Year-Book and distributed among the members; there being no objection, it was so ordered by THE PRESIDENT.

The next order of business was Reports of Officers, the originals of which were on the Secretary's table; they had been printed in pamphlet form and were distributed to the members present.

The Secretary of the Meeting then presented the Executive Committee's Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1911.

To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—The Executive Committee, in conformity with the Society's Constitution, has the honor to submit its Annual Report as follows:

FUNDS

The Society's Funds consist of the General Fund, representing the membership dues, gifts of friends and some small sums obtained by the sale of its publications, and the Special Funds, twelve in number, of which ten were created through bequests by generous testators who valued the future and the mission of the Society. Two Funds have their origin in donations that were in the course of time transferred to Special Funds with special purposes, the one bearing the name of the original donor, the Marshall Field Fund, and the other having the name of one of the larger purchases of the Society, the James K. Polk Diary Fund. During the past year no new special fund was added but through the thoughtfulness of Mrs Cyrus Hall McCormick, Jr., the Elizabeth Hammond Stickney Fund was very materially increased.

The General Fund is used for the maintenance of the Society's Building, the care of its Collections, the management of its ordinary business, lectures, exhibitions and so forth.

The Special Funds are used according to the specifications of gift, mainly for the purchase of books, bookbinding and the printing of the Society's publications. Al-

Funds—(Continued)

though the income from these various sources is managed with scrupulous economy, only the necessary business can be done at times in order that the savings of one period may allow a greater undertaking at another time. Thus the contemplated publication of two books in the coming year has enforced some accumulation of funds so that the ventures may be made without assuming debts.

These measures are unavoidable until the financial condition of the Society shall become such that it may step out into public action more frequently than in the past. This subject will be treated in another part of the Report.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$67,760.73 as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are EUGENE H. FISHBURN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY and WALTER L. FISHER, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officio*. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 465.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in a cottage and twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots.

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| Received rent on Trowbridge Property | \$59.35 | |
| Paid General Fund (taxes and repairs advanced) | | \$48.75 |
| Paid General Fund (printing) | | 10.60 |
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| | \$59.35 | \$59.35 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

Funds—(Continued)

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| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1910.. | \$68.97 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund on account binding | | \$118.97 |
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| | \$118.97 | \$118.97 |

THE MARSHALL FIELD FUND consists of \$10,000, being the proceeds of the sale to the United States Government for the Library of Congress, of the eleven volumes of papers of President James Madison, which were purchased by Mr. Edward G. Mason in 1893 for the Society, with funds donated for that purpose by Mr. Marshall Field. By resolution of the Executive Committee it was voted that this fund should remain intact and the income therefrom be used toward defraying the expenses of editing, printing and distributing the Society's publications. The Fund is now invested in:

Five \$1,000 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company's bonds.

Five \$1,000 four per cent Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company's bonds. The premium and accrued interest amounting to \$76.14 on these bonds were advanced out of the General Fund.

The account of this Fund stands as follows:

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| Received interest on bonds..... | \$400.00 | |
| Paid General Fund (premium and interest advanced on Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company's bonds)..... | | \$ 76.14 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1911.. | | 323.86 |
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| | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett, and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Received interest on bonds..... | \$50.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$50.00 |
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THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington W. Jackson. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth

Funds—(Continued)

Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:

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| Available balance on hand, Oct 31, 1910. | \$156.14 | |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 50.00 | |
| Available balance on hand | | \$206.14 |
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| | \$206.14 | \$206.14 |

THE POLK DIARY FUND of \$3,500 was created out of the proceeds of the sale to the United States Government for the Library of Congress, of the twenty-four volumes of diary and the letters and papers of President James K. Polk purchased by the Society in 1901 with funds collected for that purpose. By order of the Executive Committee it has been set aside, the income to be used for defraying the expenses of editing, publishing and distributing the Society's publications, *provided* that such money as shall be necessary may be advanced towards the expenses of the publication of the Polk Diary, such advances to be repaid into the fund as promptly as possible out of the proceeds and profits of sales of said Diary. This Fund will increase in proportion to the sale of the James K. Polk Diary, published by the Society. A standard publication of this character is assured of a constant although slow demand and will in the course of a few years replenish the Fund. It is a matter of satisfaction that the Fund enabled the Society to give to the public this remarkable Diary in printed form, the four volumes of which were sent to every regular member of the Society in 1910. The account stands as follows:

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|---|------------|------------|
| In hands of Chairman of Publication Committee as per Annual Report, 1910 | \$2,000.00 | |
| Paid by Chairman of Publication Committee to A. C. McClurg & Co. balance due for publication Polk Diary | | \$1.864.83 |
| Received from sale of Polk Diary... | 173.33 | |
| Available balance on hand Oct. 31, 1911 | | 308.50 |
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| | \$2,173.33 | \$2,173.33 |

THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents or pictures and paintings of historical interest. The fund is now invested in:

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Four \$1,000 four and one-half per cent South Side Elevated Railway Company's bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent People's Gas Light and Coke Company's Refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company's bond.

One \$1,000 four per cent first mortgage Metropolitan Elevated West Side Railway Company's bond.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | |
| 1910 | \$1,370.67 |
| Received interest on bonds..... | 640.00 |
| Paid General Fund on account books | |
| purchased | \$ 374.25 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | |
| 1911 | 1,636.42 |
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| | \$2,010.67 |
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| | \$2,010.67 |

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of \$6,650.00. Of this sum five thousand dollars was bequeathed to the Society by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, as a Memorial to her husband, Mr. Edward Swan Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. The nucleus of this Library was the private library of Mr. Stickney, also bequeathed to the Society by Mrs. Stickney. On account of the larger number of these books being on art, travel, philosophy and other subjects not allied to the work of the Society, Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, Jr., generously arranged, with all legal formality, a purchase of these books, with the express purpose of thereby increasing the principal of the Fund and thus adding to its usefulness to the Society.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | |
| 1910 | \$1,007.80 |
| Received interest on bonds | 200.00 |
| Received from sale of Stickney Li- | |
| brary | 1,650.00 |
| Paid for "Photographs of Abraham | |
| Lincoln," by F. H. Meserve, 1911.. | \$ 35.00 |
| Available balance on hand, Oct. 31, | |
| 1911 | 2,822.80 |
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| | \$2,857.80 |
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| | \$2,857.80 |

Funds—(Continued)

THE LUCRETIA J. TILTON FUND consists of \$3,000, bequeathed to the Society by the late Lucretia Jane Tilton, as a memorial to her husband, Lucian J. Tilton. It is invested in three \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Chicago City Railway Company. The account stands as follows:

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received interest on bonds..... | \$150.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$150.00 |
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THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Received interest on bonds..... | \$250.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$250.00 |
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THE HENRY J. WILLING FUND consists of \$2,500 bequeathed to the Society by the late Henry Jenkins Willing. The full amount is invested in two \$1,000 City of Mobile, Alabama, four and one-half per cent bonds, and one \$500 four per cent bond of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. The following account shows the condition of this fund:

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| Received interest on bonds..... | \$110.00 | |
| Paid into General Fund..... | | \$110.00 |
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THE GENERAL FUND, from which the general expenditures of the Society are made, is derived principally from the annual dues of members, together with such gifts as are made from time to time without special restrictions. The account of this fund stands as follows:

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct. 31, 1910..... | \$ 1,641.22 | |
| Dues from Annual Members..... | 5,192.00 | |
| Trustees of Gilpin Fund..... | 2,100.00 | |
| Donations | 77.25 | |
| Received from Burr Fund..... | 59.35 | |
| Received from Carpenter Fund.... | 118.97 | |
| Received from Garrett, Tilton, Wat- kins and Willing Fund..... | 560.00 | |
| Received from Pond Fund for books | 374.25 | |
| Received for Society's publications... | 12.50 | |
| Interest and other sources..... | 123.22 | |
| Repayment of interest and premium advanced on bonds purchased for Marshall Field Fund..... | 76.14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,334.90 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$ 3,981.16 | |
| Repairs and betterments..... | 307.28 | |
| Printing proceedings, invitations, etc. | 693.91 | |
| Paid for binding and repairs on books | 291.20 | |
| Paid for books and periodicals..... | 374.25 | |
| Paving assessment | 68.53 | |
| General Expenses | 2,940.92 | |
| Cash on hand, Oct. 31, 1911..... | 1,677.65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,334.90 |

TRIAL BALANCE

OCTOBER 31, 1911.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | | \$227,677.65 |
| Jonathan Burr Fund..... | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter Fund..... | | 1,000.00 |
| Marshall Field Fund..... | | 10,323.86 |
| T. Mauro Garrett Fund..... | | 1,000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin Fund..... | | 67,760.73 |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund.... | | 1,206.14 |
| Polk Diary Fund | | 308.50 |
| Lucretia Pond Fund..... | | 15,136.42 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund..... | | 7,822.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton Fund..... | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins Fund..... | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing Fund..... | | 2,500.00 |
| Bills Receivable | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Bonds | 42,000.00 | |
| *Real Estate | 227,000.00 | |
| Trustees Henry D. Gilpin Fund.. | 67,760.73 | |
| †Cash | 6,975.37 | |
| | \$344,736.10 | \$344,736.10 |

*Society's Building and Land.....\$225,000.00

Burr Fund Lots..... 2,000.00

†The cash on hand appears to be unusually large; this is not actually so, but due to the fact that it contains the sum of \$1,650.00 obtained from the sale of the Stickney Library, which was consummated just a few days before the close of the fiscal year before investment for the benefit of the permanent Elizabeth Hammond Stickney Fund could be made, according to the contract of the transfer. Furthermore, other Funds have been allowed to accumulate on account of the prospective publication by the Society of two volumes on historical subjects in the coming year, and also on account of necessary renovations of an extensive nature in the Building.

DIGEST OF TRIAL BALANCE.

| FUND | Cash | Bills Rec'bl | Bonds | Real Estate | Trustees Gilpin Fund | TOTALS |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| General | \$1,677.65 | \$1,000 | | \$225,000 | | \$227,677.65 |
| Jonathan Burr..... | | | | 2,000 | | 2,000.00 |
| Philo Carpenter..... | | | \$ 1,000 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Marshall Field | 323.86 | | 10,000 | | | 10,323.86 |
| T. Mauro Garrett..... | | | 1,000 | | | 1 000.00 |
| Henry D. Gilpin..... | | | | | \$67,760.73 | 67,760.73 |
| Huntington W. Jackson | 206.14 | | 1,000 | | | 1,206.14 |
| Polk Diary | 308.50 | | | | | 308.50 |
| Lucretia Pond..... | 1,636.42 | | 13,500 | | | 15,136.42 |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney.. | 2,822.80 | | 5,000 | | | 7,822.80 |
| Lucretia J. Tilton..... | | | 3,000 | | | 3,000.00 |
| Elias T. Watkins..... | | | 5,000 | | | 5,000.00 |
| Henry J. Willing..... | | | 2,500 | | | 2,500.00 |
| Totals..... | \$6,975.37 | \$1,000 | \$42,000 | \$227,000 | \$67,760.73 | \$344,736.10 |

The Treasurer's Report is appended, and appears on pages 466-467.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Chicago Historical Society and of Orson Smith, its Treasurer, for the year ending October 31, 1911, the vouchers for every disbursement, and the securities in the custody of the Treasurer, and that we find the same correct and as reported.

WILLIAM A. FULLER,
CHARLES F. GUNTHER,
Auditing Committee.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Society have been held, and lectures and papers presented at intervals throughout the year, as follows:

Tuesday evening, November 15, 1910, the fifty-fourth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Reading-room, and is reported in full in the YEAR BOOK for 1910.

Tuesday evening, December 13, 1910, a special meeting held in the Lecture Hall was addressed by Frederic A. Starr, Professor of Anthropology of the University of Chicago, on the subject of *The Archaeology of the Chicago Area*. Illustrative of the address was an extensive exhibition of Indian weapons and utensils of the Chicago region, owned and brought together by Mr. Philip C. Schupp, of Bowmanville, probably the most complete in existence, and a series of original maps of Indian trails in the vicinity of Chicago, the work of Mr. Albert F. Scharf, an early resident who has been for many years engaged upon an archaeological survey of this region. An audience of large proportions listened with intense interest to Professor Starr's remarks, which, with characteristic modesty, he confined almost entirely to eulogy of the work of Messrs. Scharf and Schupp, permitting himself only to draw broad general conclusions as to the civilization of the aborigines of the Mississippi valley. The exhibition was continued for several weeks for the benefit of school children and others, a special card of invitation being issued and a large attendance secured. Comment upon the exhibits will be found in the Librarian's Report.

On Tuesday evening, January 24, 1911, the MacDowell Memorial Pageant was reproduced for the Society and a distinguished gathering of friends through the medium of music, lantern slides, and a most valuable lecture by Mrs. Edward MacDowell, of Peterborough, N. H. The MacDowell pageant of August 16-20, 1910, was given in an open air amphitheater on a mountainside on the MacDowell

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estate, in honor of the founders of Peterborough, and of Edward MacDowell, America's foremost composer, who had made his home among these people and on his death left his farm as a perpetual home for other artists.

Owing to the inability of the President to preside on this occasion, Mr. George E. Adams of this Society, whose summer home is at Peterborough, introduced the speaker, and his few words of appreciative comment were so fitly and earnestly spoken that they added dignity to the occasion, and enabled the audience to grasp from the spectator's viewpoint, something of the marvellous beauty and impressiveness of this scene among the New Hampshire mountains.

On Tuesday evening, February 21, 1911, the Society held a special meeting in honor of Washington's Birthday. The address of the evening was given by James Alton James, Professor of History at Northwestern University, the subject being *Illinois During the American Revolution*. Professor James had but recently completed a thorough examination of the Draper manuscripts owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, as well as the Virginia archives with special reference to the activities of George Rogers Clark. General Washington was in close touch with these movements, and the address treated of the relationship between the war in the West and in the East as directed by these leaders. Many incidents unfamiliar in print were cited, and the whole neglected epoch in Illinois history brought out in its proper light. It is evident that the Revolutionary histories of the future must include not merely the exploits of the seaboard colonies, but of the "Wilderness" as well.

An exhibition of Washingtoniana, and of the Society's George Rogers Clark manuscripts, together with the John Todd Record Book, was made on the evening of the lecture and continued for the benefit of the schools.

On Tuesday evening, March 21, 1911, at a special meeting held in the Lecture Hall, Judge Thomas Dent presiding, preceding the regular program, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois passed an act, approved June 9, 1909, entitled: "An Act for the Appointment of a Commission to investigate and report upon the

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vation of certain lands for public parks in the State of Illinois," and authorizing the Governor of this State to appoint a commission of five members, to be known as the "Illinois Park Commission," whose duties should be to make an investigation of regions suitable for said parks, especially of Starved Rock and contiguous territory, and to ascertain the value of the property and to report thereon to the Forty-seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Said Commission was duly appointed and has made a thorough examination of Starved Rock and such contiguous territory as should be preserved for the State Park, and made a report thereon to said Forty-seventh General Assembly, recommending the purchase of said property; and

WHEREAS, There is a bill now pending before the Legislature—Senate Bill No. 315—providing for the purchase of the property recommended by said Commission;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Chicago Historical Society, in regular meeting assembled, that this Society does heartily commend and endorse said Bill; and does hereby request and urge its passage upon the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his Honor, Governor Deneen, and to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, constituting the Forty-seventh General Assembly.

Clarence W. Alvord, Professor of History at the University of Illinois, then delivered an address entitled: *The Long Arm of Virginia; or, The West as an Issue in Politics, 1763 to 1778*. The address gave in substance the result of an investigation, covering a number of years, of the policy of various British ministries toward Western America, and the attitude of American colonies toward these policies, particularly Virginia's struggle to retain her claims to all western land.

On Monday, May 29, 1911, occurred the reception tendered by this Society to the surviving members of Chicago military organizations which responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops. The guests of honor were representatives of the following:

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| | Chicago Light Artillery, "A" |
| | Chicago Zouaves |
| Cairo | Chicago Highland Guards |
| Survivors.... | Captain Harding's Company |
| | Lincoln Rifles |
| | Turner Union Cadets |
| 11th, 12th and 19th Illinois Infantry | |

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"Irish Brigade," 23d Illinois Infantry
1st "Hecker Regiment," 24th Illinois Infantry
2d "Hecker Regiment," 82d Illinois Infantry
"Yates Phalanx," 39th Illinois Infantry
"Douglas Brigade," 55th Illinois Infantry
1st Board of Trade Regiment, 72d Illinois Infantry
2d Board of Trade Regiment, 88th Illinois Infantry
3d Board of Trade Regiment, 113th Illinois Infantry
"Railroad Regiment," 89th Illinois Infantry
51st Illinois Infantry
8th and 12th Illinois Cavalry
Taylor's Battery, 1st Illinois Artillery
Chicago Mercantile Battery
Chicago Board of Trade Battery

Two thousand invitations were issued, and notwithstanding the receipt of regrets from all parts of the United States, more than three hundred guests were present. General Walter C. Newberry and the Executive Committee of the Society were assisted in receiving by Mesdames H. M. Wilmarth, Marion Mulligan Carroll, Daniel Quirk, and by Mr. Wm. A. Fuller, General C. S. Bentley, and General and Mrs. Leeke.

The following program was presented in the Lecture Hall:

- 1—Address of Welcome.....Gen. Walter C. Newberry
Vice-President Chicago Historical Society
- 2—Quartette: (a) "The First Gun's Fired,".....
Written by George F. Root, Chicago's War Bard, on
the day that word was received of the
firing on Fort Sumter.
(b) "Lily Dale".....
Written by H. S. Thompson.
- 3—The Cairo Expedition.....Major John Young
- 4—Battery "A" (Chicago Light Artillery).....Dr. A. W. Gray
- 5—Battery "B" (Taylor's Battery, C. L. A.)..Henry W. Dudley
.....Capt. I. P. Rumsey
- 6—Reading: "Send Us a Man" (Stedman)..Rev. Jenkin L. Jones
- 7—"Chicago Zouaves".....Harrison Kelley
- 8—Quartette: "The Battle Cry of Freedom".....
Written by George F. Root, after reading the text of
Lincoln's second call for troops, and sung the
same day by Jules Lombard, in the Court
House Square, Chicago, whence it spread
over the country.
- 9—"Chicago Highland Guards" (19th Illinois Infantry).....
.....D. F. Bremner
- 10—Quartette: "Just Before the Battle, Mother".....
Written by George R. Root.

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- 11—"The Irish Brigade".....Hon. W. J. Onahan
- 12—"Turner Union Cadets".....Adolph Georg
- 13—"Hecker's Regiments".....Dr. Theodore Wild
- 14—Quartette: "Brave Battery Boys".....
 Written by P. P. Bliss. Words by Mrs. Griswold.
- 15—"Board of Trade Battery".....John A. Nourse
- 16—"Women's Work".....Rev. Loren Bush
- 17—Reading: "O, Captain! My Captain!" (Whitman).....
 Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones
- 18—Quartette: "The Song of a Thousand Years".....

Written by Henry C. Work

Quartette under the direction of Mr. Frederic W. Root:

Mrs. C. A. Fieldcamp, *Soprano*

Mrs. Edith Herring Kadish, *Contralto*

Mr. J. W. Williams, *Tenor*

Mr. E. P. Clissold, *Baritone*

Preparatory to this meeting, the Society had, by general invitation, and by individual request, been collecting material illustrative of the Civil War period. Friends of the Society responded most generously, and an exhibition of really absorbing interest was the result. Details of the articles exhibited are given elsewhere under the heading "Special Exhibitions." So great was the interest manifested in this collection, that it has been continued for several months.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 20, 1911, at four o'clock was held a special meeting of the Society, which was also a special business meeting, called to take action upon certain proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. A quorum not being present the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, August 1, 1911, at a special meeting, the Society enjoyed the unique privilege of a lecture on *The Lost Trail, or Winners of the Farther West*, by one whose wagon wheels helped to wear the trail itself, Mr. Ezra Meeker, of Puyallup, Washington. In front of the building during the lecture stood a "prairie schooner" with a team of oxen—the type of conveyance in which Mr. Meeker reached Oregon in 1852, and the one in which he journeyed eastward on his present important mission—that of arousing sufficient interest to justify Congress in appropriating \$100,000 for the proper marking of the Oregon trail, before it shall have become completely obliterated.

Despite his more than eighty years, Mr. Meeker shows the hardy physique of the true frontiersman, combined with

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a gentleness and refinement of intelligence which marks the man of poise and calibre in any undertaking. Although a stranger here, Mr. Meeker is well known in the northwest as the pioneer hop-grower of that region. He is the author of several works, among them *Reminiscences of Puget Sound*, *Washington Territory West of the Cascade Mountains*, and *Ventures and Adventures of Ezra Meeker*. He came with the most gracious commendation from the Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, to whom he has been known for more than fifty years.

His lecture has the authority of first-hand observation, by a man of keen intelligence, and may be regarded as an "original source," on one of the most important movements in history. To quote his own words, "This migration of over 300,000 souls, a whole community, 2,000 miles into the unknown, is comparable to the Exodus of the Children of Israel to the Promised Land, and can be accounted for only as manifest destiny. The Pilgrims effected a lodgement on the eastern seaboard—a narrow strip only; Boone, Crocket, and others followed the Salt Licks Trail and won the Middle West; but the Oregon Pioneers did a greater work than either—they advanced the flag to the Pacific and founded an Empire." A typewritten copy of the address was filed in the Society's library.

At the close of the lecture were shown a series of stereopticon views taken on Mr. Meeker's 1906 expedition from Seattle to Washington. It should be said that Mr. Meeker had then been instrumental in securing the erection of over 700 monuments, valued at \$85,000, in doing which he drove his ox-team 8,500 miles. A fresh survey of the ground has now been made, and 1,600 miles of the old track have been recovered, thus a more definite idea can be formed of what would be adequate for the undertaking.

The following "Resolution on Marking the Oregon Trail" was passed at a special meeting of the Chicago Historical Society on October 10, 1911:

"The marking of the Oregon trail, in the manner in which the work has already been done in part, is a matter of inter-state importance. Inasmuch as the trail extended from Independence, Mo., to our original Pacific Coast possessions, with its westward branches diverging to different points on the coast, there are so many points to be marked, and in so many states, that it cannot be expected that individual enterprise will properly accomolish the

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work without public aid. The sparseness of settlement in long stretches of territory would undoubtedly leave various important points unmarked, even if in a number of localities the people could be stirred to take action, as has been done in some instances; and besides this fact, reasonably early action, with concentration of purpose with reference to something like unity of design is important. Much lapse of time would have the effect of making it more of a "Lost Trail," but at present there are persons living who will be able to select the different points of interest with certainty. A proper selection and marking of such points would be of general historic interest, and would be a proper recognition of the enterprising explorers, pioneers and immigrants through whom it became a trail connecting our Pacific Coast possessions with our Eastern and Mississippi Valley domains, and thus constituted a highway which finally aided to the building and opening of a transcontinental railway system.

"The people of Chicago, especially those taking an interest in historical matters, have been pleased to take notice of the efforts of Mr. Ezra Meeker of Puyallup, Wash., to bring about the marking of many of the principal land marks and points of interest along what is known as the Oregon Trail; and it is to be hoped that while others who have traversed the route, before the building of the railroad, can point out such objects from memory, the work will be done.

"It is resolved therefore, by the Chicago Historical Society, that it is desirable that this important work be continued and carried through under an act of Congress, the passing of which, with a reasonable appropriation of means, is hereby recommended.

"Further be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President and Vice-President of the United States and to the members of Congress."

On Tuesday evening, October 10, 1911, a special meeting was held at which a lecture entitled *The Story of Chicago*, was delivered by Mrs. Mary Ridpath Mann, daughter of Ridpath, the historian, and widow of the late Charles W. Mann, Professor of History, Lewis Institute. The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views, drawn from the Society's collection.

The primary object in the preparation of this lecture was a comprehensive, rather than detailed, account of the main features in Chicago history, with especial view to the needs of young people. In this it was most successful, and will be repeated upon request for schools and other organizations.

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Great Fire of 1871, the Society had assembled on the second floor of the building an exhibit of pictures and relics illustrative

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of the Fire and of various stages of Chicago's civic development prior to 1871. Details of this collection, in which many objects of great rarity had been loaned for the occasion, are given under the head of "Special Exhibitions."

Cards of special invitation had been issued to the "Old Settlers," and the audience constituted a remarkable assemblage of persons whose history, together with that of their immediate ancestors, would have gone far to constitute the "chronicles of Chicago" from its very cradle. Among those present were: Gurdon S. Hubbard, whose father, one of Chicago's heroes, engaged in the fur trade here in 1818; Mrs. Susan Beaubien, who came to Chicago in 1831, and whose husband, Alexander, was the son of Jean-Baptiste Beaubien, one of the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Fort Dearborn; Mr. Frank Beaubien, and Mrs. Gwinthallyn Beaubien Bernard, whose father, Mark Beaubien, built the first frame house in Chicago—the Sauganash Hotel; Messrs. J. A. Mason and George C. Foote, born in Chicago in 1835 and 1836 respectively; Mrs. Jane Tyler Flagg, born in Chicago in 1838; Carolyn D. Tyler, granddaughter of Wm. H. Brown, first President of the Chicago Historical Society; Mrs. Jennie Bowen French, whose father, James H. Bowen, was the founder of South Chicago; Mrs. John F. Stafford, whose husband was President of the Academy of Design and Trustee of the Artist's Fund after the Fire; Professor Elias Colbert, who was engaged in writing up the Great Fire for the *Chicago Tribune* on the night of October 9, 1871, and who owns the only known copy of that paper for that date; Matthew Brennan, who was a neighbor of Mrs. O'Leary's, and the first man to arrive at the fire after the alarm was turned in at Goll's Drug Store; George Steuernagel, member of the Volunteer Fire Company, Hook Hose No. 3, etc.

Space does not permit a full enumeration, but the Visitor's Register shows many autographs of interest, and an effort will be made to obtain data such as these friends can give us to add to the Fire narratives collected at an earlier date.

At this meeting was passed a RESOLUTION ON MARKING THE OREGON TRAIL, the text of which is given before the account of this meeting, in connection with the notice of Mr. Ezra Meeker's lecture of August 11.

MEETINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

By courtesy of the Executive Committee, the use of the Society's building has been extended to other Societies, by whom the following meetings have been held:

On the afternoon of Monday, November 14, 1910, was held in the Society's lecture hall a meeting of the recently organized Kaskaskia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Head, in which he dwelt upon Mr. Mason's valuable work relative to Kaskaskia, and urged the ladies to use the Society's library. The principal feature of the program was the reading of a play entitled "Kaskaskia," by its author, Mrs. Benj. A. Fessenden. In the *entre actes* of the play, music of the revolutionary period was played on the piano. The guest of honor was Hon. James H. Roberts, of this Society, who was born in 1825 at Kaskaskia, whither his parents had removed from St. Genevieve, Mo. Judge Roberts rehearsed some reminiscences of Kaskaskia which gave great pleasure to his audience, for his family being in the first rank of prominence in the old capital has known all of Illinois' public men from the beginning of our statehood. A new verse added to the song "Illinois," and dedicated to the Kaskaskia Chapter, by its author, Mr. Frederick M. Steele, was sung in closing the meeting. After the program an hour was spent in examining the Society's Building and collections, many expressing surprise and pleasure at finding here letters of George Rogers Clark, the conqueror of Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Vincennes, the Record Book of John Todd, who succeeded Clark when civil government took place of military rule, and the papers of Father Gibault, the French priest who helped Clark in the taking of Vincennes.

On Thursday, January 5, 1911, at 10 a. m., was held in the Committee Room of this Society a meeting of librarians of special libraries in and about Chicago. Addresses were made by Messrs. Frederick Rex, Assistant City Statistician of Chicago; Dwight L. Akers, of the Chicago City Club;

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John A. Lapp, Legislative Reference Librarian of Indiana, and Miss Caroline M. McIlvaine, and plans were formulated for a permanent organization.

On Saturday, February 18, 1911, at 2:30 p. m., the National Society, United States Daughters of 1812, State of Illinois, held a reception in honor of its President, Mrs. Robert Hall Wiles. On this occasion the Historical Society made a special exhibition of documents and relics illustrative of Illinois in the War of 1812, and the Librarian made an informal address of which these were the subject.

On Saturday afternoon, October 14, 1911, the Chicago Press League held its Annual "Historical Day" in the Lecture Hall of the Society. In addition to other features of the program, an interesting discussion of present day Deep Waterway problems was led by the President, Mrs. Bowes, and some informal remarks on the River and Harbor Convention of 1847 were made by Miss McIlvaine.

Upon invitation of the Chicago Historical Society, the Evanston Historical Society, and Northwestern University, the fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society and the annual meetings of the Illinois Historical Society and the North Central Teachers' Association were held at Chicago and Evanston, May 17-20, 1911.

On Tuesday, May 18, at 10 a. m., a meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society occurred in the Chicago Historical Society's building, Col. Clark E. Carr presiding. After the Annual business meeting, papers were presented upon *Abraham Lincoln's Early Connection with the Republican Party*, by I. P. Wharton, Los Angeles, California, and *Life and Labors of William H. Collins*, by Rev. James Robert Smilts, of Quincy, Ill.

In the afternoon and evening of the same day occurred meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Judge Dent presiding. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt. Papers of especial interest to this Society were: *Some Notes on the Fort Dearborn Massacre*, by M. M. Quaife, Chicago, and *Old Steamboat Days on the Mississippi River*, illustrated by George B. Merrick, Wisconsin. At the close of the sessions an informal reception and

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supper was tendered to the members of the visiting associations by this Society.

On May 26, 1911, the Illinois Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a meeting in the lecture hall of this Society, the address of welcome being given by General Newberry, Vice-president of the Society.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 17, 1911, the Kaskaskia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, again held its initial meeting of the year in the Lecture Hall of the Society, and afterwards spent an hour in examining the special collections of the Civil War and Chicago Fire displayed in the Reading Room and Museum. At the meeting was discussed the advisability of holding a study-class in American history for boys in the Society's building.

MEMBERSHIP

It is particularly gratifying to the Executive Committee to report that the past year marks a much desired increase in the Society's Membership. The removal by death of many whose association has meant strength for the Society reminds us once more that only as accessions to our roll are secured, especially from the younger elements in the city's life, can our usefulness be maintained, and the purposes for which the Society was founded, be fostered. Continued effort must be made to accomplish this result. While the Executive Committee feel keenly the need of a larger membership they acknowledge with gratitude the fidelity and interest of the present members who are carrying on its affairs, and whose efforts have made possible its present attainments. The thanks of the Society and of the Executive Committee are especially due to the Membership Committee, Messrs. Conover, Burley, Morris, Palmer, Logan and Wilson, who have been untiring in their labors to secure new members and with the result shown below.

During the fiscal year there have been added to the Society's roll, twenty-nine Annual and four Corresponding Members, as follow:

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

JOSEPH BEIFELD
ERNEST M. BOWMAN
H. M. BYLLESBY

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CLYDE M. CARR
HENRY BOARDMAN CONOVER
R. T. CRANE, JR.
WILLIAM ALEXANDER GARDNER
LEROY ALBERT GODDARD
WILLIAM OGDEN GREEN
ERNEST A. HAMILL
EDWARD HINES
RALPH ISHAM
HARRIET S. KEEP
JOHN W. KISER
CLAYTON MARK
JULIAN STARKWEATHER MASON
MARK MORTON
CHARLES A. MUNROE
HORACE SWEENEY OAKLEY
CHARLES TILLINGHAST OTIS
FRANCIS STUYVESANT PEABODY
GEORGE R. PECK
GEORGE M. REYNOLDS
EDWARD H. SANFORD
PRITCHARD STEWART
EDWARD F. SWIFT
JAMES RANSOM WALKER
EZRA J. WARNER
HAROLD WITTE WOLFF

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

C. A. EARLE
HARLOW NILES HIGINBOTHAM
EMILY BEAUBIEN LEBEAU
MILDRED JENKINS PRENTISS

Resignations of two Annual Members have been accepted during the year. One Life, five Annual, one Honorary, and five Corresponding Members have died, and one Annual Member has been transferred to Corresponding Membership, leaving the summary of the present membership as follows:

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| Honorary Life Members..... | 14 |
| Life Members | 16 |
| Annual Members | 220 |
| Honorary Members | 9 |
| Corresponding Members | 117 |
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and Vice-President of the City Trust and Savings Deposit Company of Philadelphia from 1890 until its merging with the Metropolitan Surety Company of New York, remaining connected with the latter until 1910. Having retired from active business in 1906, Mr. Bowen thenceforward devoted his energies to the interests of his family, his Church, and to public affairs, particularly those of the North Side, in Chicago. As Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Merchants' Club, he was most efficient in the movement for utilizing the schools as social centers. In this connection should be mentioned Mrs. Bowen's well known activities in furthering the beneficent work of Hull House. Mr. Bowen devoted much time to the Law and Order League, was President of Passavant Hospital, and active in the Chicago Church Club, and as a warden of St. James Episcopalian Church. Walking and horse-back riding were favorite recreations of Mr. Bowen's, and in this way he came to know the North Side extremely well, not only from the viewpoint of the boulevards, but from that of the industrial neighborhoods as well. As a member of the Chicago, University, City, Merchants, Saddle and Cycle, and Ontwentsia clubs, he maintained such civic and social relations as to greatly extend his influence for good, serving as he did to bring into sympathetic understanding persons of the most seemingly diverse manner of life. Having become an annual member of the Chicago Historical Society in March, 1900, Mr. Bowen lent his admirable abilities to the furtherance of the Society's work, serving as a member of its Executive Committee from 1901 to 1908 and never ceasing to advocate its aims. It is needless to say that the loss of such a member is one of serious moment to the Society. It is hoped that through his descendants the name of Bowen may be continued upon our rolls, and the same species of practical idealism contribute to our efforts in behalf of a more enlightened civic consciousness. Mr. Bowen is survived by his wife and four children, namely: John de Koven Bowen, Joseph Tilton Bowen, Jr., Helen Hadduck Bowen, and Louise de Koven Bowen.

AUGUSTUS ALVORD CARPENTER, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the West, and one of Chicago's most active citizens, died at the age of eighty-six, September 19, 1911, at the home of his daughter in West Mentor, Ohio. He was born in Franklin county, New York, June 8, 1825, the son

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of Alanson and Elma (Nichols) Carpenter, and his career covers some of the most interesting phases of our country's development. Embarking in the stock raising business at the age of seventeen, when the gold fields of California began to attract their thousands, he went thither, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and engaged in mining and trading. Returning in 1855, he made his start in the lumber business in Monroe county, Wisconsin. In 1860 he came to Chicago, organized the Kirby-Carpenter Lumber Company, and was its President until it was dissolved in 1900. Mr. Carpenter was one of the incorporators, and for many years was President of the Lumbermen's Exchange. He was also President of the Lumberman's National Bank, of Menominee, Mich., and of the Lumberman's Mining Company, of Iron Mountain. One qualified to speak of Mr. Carpenter's character has said of him, "A master in his particular line of business, his mind is yet broad enough to be concerned in all the great questions which stand related to social life as expressed in municipal or national government." Such men leave their impress upon the community in which they live, and Chicago, in its rapid development, has to thank the broad judgment and firm decision of Augustus A. Carpenter for more than one movement in the direction of civic righteousness. He held at various times the presidency of the Citizens' Association, the Union and Commercial Clubs, and the vice-presidency of the National Law and Order League, and was a member of the Chicago Club and Athenaeum. His membership in the Chicago Historical Society began in 1897, and he was regarded among us as a distinctive example of much which this Society has endeavored to promote. In 1863 Mr. Carpenter married Elizabeth B. Kempton, of New Bedford, Mass., who died in 1900. They are survived by a son, Augustus Albert Carpenter, of Chicago and Lake Forest, and a daughter Amie, now Mrs. John E. Newell, of West Mentor, Ohio, at whose home Mr. Carpenter died after ten years of invalidism.

PIERRE CHOUTEAU, great-grandson of one of the founders of St. Louis, died after a protracted illness at St. Luke's hospital, St. Louis, November 21, 1910. Of the Chouteau family it might be said that their annals constitute a history of commerce in the Mississippi Valley. Coming from New Orleans in the expedition of Laclède, under commission of the director-general of Louisiana, to

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establish the fur-trade west of the Mississippi, the brothers Auguste and Pierre Chouteau, assisted in founding St. Louis in 1764. In 1804, when Upper Louisiana was transferred to the United States, they were the most prominent citizens of the town, and Pierre Chouteau held the office of United States Indian Agent for the Osages. Nicollet said of the brothers Chouteau in 1842 that their name "after a lapse of seventy years is still a passport that commands safety and hospitality among all the Indian nations of the United States, north and west." Pierre Chouteau, Jr., the grandfather of our late member, born in St. Louis in 1789, established trading posts on the Mississippi from Texas to Saint Paul, and as far west as the headwaters of the Missouri. In 1834 he bought John Jacob Astor's interest in the American Fur Company, and in 1839 formed a company under the firm name of P. Chouteau Jr. and Co., which carried on vast operations in this country and in Europe. Such was the background that lay behind the subject of this memorial—Pierre Chouteau, the son of Charles Pierre Chouteau and Julie Anne Gratiot. Born in St. Louis in 1849, the great fur-trading operations had not yet ceased, and as a youth, Pierre Chouteau himself made the long voyage up the river and mingled in the strange life that grew out of that traffic. Then, after a preparatory course at Seton Hall, New Jersey, he was sent abroad and graduated from the Royal School of Arts, Mines and Manufactures. Naturally ingenious, and an inventor of no mean skill, his chosen profession was that of a civil engineer, but on his return in 1874, filial duty compelled him to assist his father in the management of his extensive affairs. Withdrawing from active business many years ago, Mr. Chouteau devoted himself to matters of public moment, and to the collation of material concerning the great events of the past. It was fitting that "The initiative action toward the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial was taken on the suggestion of Pierre Chouteau," as stated in the memorial adopted by the Exposition Company, and that, as further stated, "When the Committee of Two Hundred citizens was chosen to conduct the preliminary campaign, Mr. Chouteau was made chairman." A great part of the interest of the St. Louis Fair lay in its historical features. In all of this Mr. Chouteau was primarily instrumental. A striking example of his

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influence in this direction was the obtaining, for the exhibition at the Fair, of the Jesuit archives from St. Mary's College in Montreal, relative to the Mississippi Valley, and their subsequent exhibition at this Society under care of Rev. Arthur Jones, the Archivist. In recognition of the latter act of courtesy, and of his distinguished labors in the historical field so near our own, Mr. Chouteau was made a corresponding member in 1904. In 1909, when St. Louis celebrated her hundredth anniversary as an incorporated city, it was inevitable that Pierre Chouteau should be one of the foremost promoters of the preparations. Students of the Spanish, French, and American dominions in Louisiana territory owe to Mr. Chouteau an incalculable debt for the Chouteau collection of Spanish archives, and the papers relative to the Chouteau family, which he bestowed upon the Missouri Historical Society. They embody the records not only of the political *régime*, but the very fabric of a unique civilization. Pierre Chouteau married in 1882 Lucille Chauvin, from whom he had long been separated. Their children are Lucille Manette Chouteau (now Mrs. James Turner) and Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Two sisters also survive him, Mrs. D. D. Johnson, of Westport, N. Y., and Mrs. Edward V. Papin, of St. Louis.

JOHN VAUGHAN CLARKE, of the Hibernian Banking Association, and for many years Director of the Chicago Clearing House, died at his residence in North State Street on May 31, 1911, aged forty-eight. Mr. Clarke's has been what may be called a characteristic Chicagoan's career. He was born in Chicago October 15, 1862. His father, John Vaughan Clarke, in 1869 founded the Merchants' Association, which later became the Hibernian Banking Association. Notwithstanding the father's standing in this association, the son, at eighteen, after a brief education in the public schools and at St. Ignatius College, began as messenger boy in the bank, and progressed successively to the positions of clerk, bookkeeper, teller and assistant cashier. Mr. Clarke was a Roman Catholic and prominent in many church activities. He married Miss Bertha English, of Columbus, Ohio, who survives him. The favorite diversions of Mr. Clarke were hunting and shooting. He was a member of the Union League Club, the Chicago Athletic Association, Saddle and Cycle, Exmoor, Edgewater Country, and

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Germania Clubs, besides several shooting associations. Mr. Clarke's brothers, Henry B. and Louis B. Clarke, are both vice-presidents of the Hibernian Banking Association. His sisters are Mesdames Charles H. Spalding, Kinney Smith, and Hempstead Washburne. Mr. Clarke became an annual member of the Historical Society on the occasion of the Lincoln Centenary, February 12, 1909, and it is with great regret that we are so soon obliged to record him as deceased.

MILO LESTER COFFEEN died August 30, 1911, at his home, 3133 Calumet Avenue, after an illness of five months. Great-grandson of Captain John Coffeen, the first settler of Cavendish, Vermont, and son of William L. F. Coffeen, Milo Lester Coffeen was born at Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York, December 20, 1850. He came to Illinois in early boyhood, began his education at Libertyville, and continued at the Waukegan Academy and Illinois Normal School. From 1869-71 he studied law at the Union College of Law, Chicago, being at the same time employed in the office of Messrs. Van Arman and Vallette. Admitted to the bar in the summer of 1871, he was soon after appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County, and rendered heroic service in saving many of the court records during the Great Fire of that year. After the Fire he held the office of Chief Deputy Clerk until 1879, when he formed a partnership lasting for about a year with Emery A. Storrs. Then followed independent practice until 1887. His subsequent partnerships are as follows: Tenney, Bashford & Tenney (later Tenney, Church & Coffeen) until 1895; Tenney, McConnell, Coffeen & Harding until 1898, when Judge McConnell was succeeded by James H. Wilkerson, followed, in 1907, by Roger Sherman, the firm becoming Tenney, Coffeen, Harding & Sherman. Mr. Coffeen was President of the Chicago & Milwaukee Telegraph Company, and Vice-President of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway Company. Mr. Coffeen held membership in the Chicago Bar, Illinois State Bar, and American Historical Associations, and in the Chicago, City, and South Shore Country Clubs, but is said by his family to have valued especially his membership in the Chicago Historical Society, in which he was held in high regard. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Mrs. L. Miller, of Princeton, N. J., and Miss Lester Coffeen, of Chicago.

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WILLIAM H. GALE, son of Sarah and Abram Gale, who, with his parents and brother arrived at Chicago in the brig *Illinois* May 25, 1835, was killed by a train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway near his home in Galewood on the evening of June 24th, 1911. William Gale was the youngest of the "Pilgrims" who arrived on the *Illinois* having been born in New York City, July 28, 1834, and came, an infant, to the infant city. The Gale family, preceding the parents of Fernando Jones in landing by a day, were set down by means of Mackinaw boats in the Warehouse of Gurdon S. Hubbard, and were entertained at the famous Green Tree Inn on the west side of the river.

Mrs. Gale, a woman of great energy, proceeded to open a millinery establishment with goods which she brought from New York, while her husband instituted the first *bona-fide* meat-market, in the same building on the south side of Lake Street east of Wabash. They are reported to have owned the first piano in Chicago, a distinction also claimed by the family of Mark Beaubien, their near neighbors. So great was the popularity of the New York milliner, that her husband was ultimately obliged to come to her assistance, abandoning his meat-market. Meanwhile he had pre-empted 320 acres of land out on the western prairie near what is now the Westward Ho golf links. This farm, where William Gale made his home, and where he died, was, with the adjoining homes, called Galewood. It never left the possession of the Gale family, its previous title having been vested in the Indians, and today remains as of old surrounded by a fringe of locust trees, the seed of which came from the parent locust in Fort Dearborn. Within the memory of men still living raccoon, wolves, and even bears have been killed in that region.

The father of William Gale ultimately moved to Oak Park where his homestead still stands, but the boys of the family spent much of their time on the farm and were familiar with all manner of produce, as well as with the advent of the "prairie schooner," the traveling market of those days, whose white-covered top appeared at regular intervals above the horizon from the direction of the Wabash.

The school which William Gale first attended was held in Fort Dearborn, the instructress being the daughter of one of the officers there. Then came St. Mary's Academy

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and Rush Medical College. Among other things he studied German, Spanish and Latin. In company with his sister Corinne and her husband he went abroad and traveled extensively.

Having a thorough education and choosing the drug business as his profession William Gale studied pharmacy with Chicago's first druggist, George Bormann, a German, and in 1856 the brothers E. O. and William Gale started in business for themselves. On the breaking out of the Civil War, William Gale enlisted in the 44th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, called the Western Rifle Regiment, which he had helped to recruit and provision, accepting the modest rank of Lieutenant though later promoted, by petition of his fellow officers, to the Captaincy of Company K. But it was as Quartermaster rather than as Captain that William Gale won fame and affection. The 44th Illinois was in the Division commanded by Sigel, the famous German "fighter." William Gale became Sigel's Quartermaster. It is said that Sigel loved him as a brother. Wherever Sigel was, there was Gale, and whatever Sigel and his troops needed Gale sought to provide, if he had to ride forty miles to get it. Nor did he stop at food in his foraging, for on one occasion when the command was laid up for two weeks in the Southern mountains, unable to move the ammunition in a heavy downpour of rain, Quartermaster Gale looked about and found ready for shipment a consignment of wagons built by Cartwright Brothers, the best possible kind for transportation. He bought the wagons out of hand and safely transported the ammunition. At the suggestion of Gale a curious field order was issued from the Headquarters of the Department of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tenn., April 10, 1863, permitting Lieut. W. H. Gale of the 44th Ill. Vols. A. A. Q. M., 2d Brig., 3d Div. 20th Army Corps "to go to Louisville, Ky., to procure for his Brigade the following anti-scorbutics:

One hundred Barrells of Beer

Twenty-five Barrells of Sauerkraut

Two boxes assorted Groceries...."

Beer and sauerkraut as a preventive of scurvy, was, it should be remarked, the height of therapeutics as then practiced, and this masterly move on the part of Lt. Gale was so timely that many a man because of it remained to "fight mit Sigel." On another occasion when he saw people being badly treated

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in a hospital he dispatched the doctors, took charge himself, and brought order out of chaos. His power of organization was remarkable. A man by the name of Joe Wright was his wagon-master, and so well trained was everyone in his command, that when the word came to move he had but to give the word to Joe and all would be in readiness. It was one of Quartermaster Gale's principles of forage never to take all of a commodity which a community possessed. If there were a hundred sheep, he would take only eighty. Sometimes he would have a surplus which he was always ready to give to others.

Capt. Gale was shot several times, and was severely wounded at Murfreesboro. Returning to Chicago on sick leave, a public meeting was held, an address made by Dr. V. L. Hurlbut, and a sword, sash and belt presented to him by admiring Chicagoans. By special order dated Headquarters, Post of Chicago, March 25, 1864, Capt. William H. Gale, Co. K, Illinois Infantry, was assigned to the command of Camp Fry, the Chicago recruiting station, located just south of Lake View. By a similar order dated May 2d, 1864, he was relieved, by his own request, from that command to re-join his regiment in the field.

After the war William Gale and his brother dissolved partnership, the firm becoming Gale and Blocki, and he engaged for a time in the drug business in partnership with J. W. Ehrman, but, impaired in health, his business activities were practically at an end. A trip to Europe followed, but was terminated by the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. He was a thirty-third degree Mason and presiding officer of the Occidental Consistory of the Accepted Scottish Rite in 1869.

The greatest service which Mr. Gale has performed for Chicago was in the capacity of Historiographer of the Chicago Pioneers' Sons and Daughters. With unflagging energy and deep love for his brother pioneers, Mr. Gale secured from the earliest inhabitants verbal descriptions and rough pencil sketches of dwellings and places of public interest in the thirties and forties, long since obliterated, by means of which, and with the aid of draughtsmen and artists, he may be said to have reconstructed the Chicago of that period. These pictures he had assiduously revised, in accordance with the consensus of opinion of the early settlers, and, when completed, he with characteristic modesty called them "The Ivy Green Series, by the I. V. Green Family." The

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Society of Sons and Daughters of Pioneers made numerous and valiant efforts to publish a book to be entitled "Pioneers' Tales and Pictures of Chicago," using these sketches as illustrations. Publication was suspended after the first twenty-five pages appeared in 1906. The originals of the sketches are now the property of the Historical Society. Had it not been for the determined efforts of Mr. Gale and his friends much of the Chicago of the thirties could not have been visualized even in a degree and thus would have been lost one of the most powerful agents in the creation of civic pride, namely, the definite knowledge of the manner of the primitive beginnings of our Metropolis. It would seem fitting that, when our city shall have reached a degree of civic consciousness in which the citizens demand that their stages of historical development be taken account of, William Gale's priceless service should be recognized and a tablet be erected on the site of his original roof tree to the pioneer, patriot and historian who was too self-effacing in his life time to do aught but record the deeds of others. Mr. Gale was elected a Corresponding Member of this Society in 1904. As a member of a highly esteemed family, a man of deeply poetical nature, unusual sweetness of temper, courtly manner and scholarly attainments this uniquely interesting personality will be distinctly missed by all of the older generations whose privilege it was to know him. He is survived by his widow Josephine Rush Gale, his children Louis H., Corinne J., and Adelaide M., still residents of the original homestead at Galewood, and by his brother, Edwin O. Gale of Oak Park.

Honorable Justice DESIRE GIROUARD, Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, and an honorary member of this Society, died at his home in Ottawa on March 22, 1911, as the result of a fall from a sleigh. The family of Justice Girouard is descended from Antoine Girouard, a native of Mont-Lucon, Bourbonnais, France (born in 1696), who became private secretary to Governor de Ramezay, of Montreal, in 1720. The historic Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal has witnessed many a scene important in our continental history, for here it was that the representatives of France reported in their last desperate struggles for empire in the western world. One may conjecture that

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the private secretary of de Ramezay had some important conferences to record, and some picturesque recollections to pass on to his descendants. Désiré, son of Jérémie Girouard, was born at St. Timothie, Quebec, July 7, 1836. Receiving his academic training at the college of Montreal, he studied law and was called to the bar in 1860. His career at the bar was distinguished, especially in commercial cases, and he was created a Q. C. by the Marquis of Lorne in 1880. Among the *causes célèbres* with which he has been connected are, the Lachine Canal case, the Commercial Corporation tax cases, the Intercolonial Railway cases, and the Provincial Arbitration cases. From 1878 to 1896 he represented Jacques Cartier in the Dominion Parliament, taking part in many brilliant movements on the Conservative side. He was raised to the bench as Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, September 28, 1895. As an author on legal and political questions, Justice Girouard ranks as an authority. Among his works are: "Essai sur des Lettres de Change" (1860), an "Essay on the Insolvent Act of 1864," and "Considérations sur les Lois civiles du Marriage" (1868), besides contributions to numerous reviews. But apart from both legal and political lore, was a field which Justice Girouard has made peculiarly his own. In 1880 he began the publication of a series of articles dealing with the earlier history of certain personages of Montreal. These were afterward translated from the French, and in 1893 embodied in a volume entitled "Lake St. Louis, old and new, illustrated, and Cavalier de La Salle." Of this work it has been said that more light was thrown upon the history of the early settlement of Montreal Island, and the Indian wars of the period than had previously been afforded by any French or English speaking historian. He has since published "Les Anciens de Lac Saint Louis." The judicial habit of mind of Justice Girouard, together with we know not what of traditional intuition, has made these essays "human documents" of the utmost importance. Justice Girouard has been thrice married, and leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters. One of his sons, Sir Percy Girouard, is governor-general of British East Africa. To his son-in-law, Mr. Omer Côté, of the Interior Department, Ottawa, we are indebted for most acceptable recent data regarding one whom the Society is honored in honoring.

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In 1875 he was appointed Chief Grain Inspector of the City of Chicago; was elected State Treasurer in 1878, and re-elected in 1882. In 1884 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois. In military organizations Gen. Smith had served as Commander of U. S. Grant Post No. 28, Chicago, and Grand Commander, Department of Illinois, G. A. R. It is said of Gen. Smith that he was possibly the most widely known Mason in the world. Initiated February 4, 1859, in Miners' Lodge No. 773, Galena, Illinois, he became affiliated with every known branch of the Masonic fraternity, holding active or honorary membership in very many, his membership extending throughout America, Great Britain, and the Far East. Among Illinois organizations he was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1880, Committee of Correspondence until his death, and in the Masonic Veterans' Association, held the rank of 33° Emeritus Venerable Chief *ad vitam*. In 1894-95, General Smith made a tour of the world, the story of which appeared in his work entitled *Around the World With Gen. John C. Smith*. Interment, with Masonic honors, was made at Galena, Illinois. His widow, one daughter, and three sons survive him. For several printed memorials we are indebted to his son, John C. Smith, Jr., of Chicago.

JOHN H. WRENN, annual member since 1903, died May 13, 1911, at the home of his son in Los Angeles, California. His father was George L. Wrenn, a native of Virginia, who was engaged in mercantile and manufacturing business in Ohio. His mother was Mary J. Duffield, the descendant of a pioneer Pennsylvania family. He was born at Middletown, Ohio, September 11, 1841, where he attended the local schools and academies, his natural love of books supplementing that education by a liberal course of reading continued throughout his life. In 1863, at the invitation of his uncle, James E. Tyler, he came to Chicago as a partner in Tyler, Ullman & Co., bankers and brokers. He opened the New York office of that firm in 1866, remaining in New York nearly two years, returning to Chicago in 1867. His firm, afterwards Wrenn, Ullman & Company, came through the fearful test of the Chicago Fire with unimpaired credit, but with the sorrowful loss of Mr. Ullman, who was overwhelmed in their office at the corner of Dearborn and Lake Streets. The business continued under the firm names of

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Wrenn & Brewster; Baldwin, Wrenn & Farnum; Walker & Wrenn and finally became the well-known house of John H. Wrenn & Co., which discontinued business December 31, 1910. Member of the leading Exchanges of both Chicago and New York, his business career was characterized by sound conservatism and strict rectitude combined with energy which insured success. In 1866 Mr. Wrenn married Miss Julia A. Griggs, who died in 1902. His children, all of whom survive him, are Mrs. Frederic F. Norcross, Miss Ethel P. Wrenn, of Chicago, and Harold B. Wrenn of Los Angeles. Mr. Wrenn was a lover of books and of art. His fine library contained many rare editions of early English authors, in the collection of which he took the keenest pleasure. He was also a collector of choice etchings and engravings. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of this city, and for forty-eight years one of its Board of Trustees. He was a governing member of the Art Institute, and at one time President of the Caxton Club. He also held membership in the Chicago, University, Saddle and Cycle, Ontwentsia, Midday, Quadrangle, and other clubs in Chicago and New York.

DONATIONS OF MUSEUM MATERIAL

The accessions to the Society's Collections throughout the year have been constant, and would indicate that the value of the Society as a repository of historical relics and records is being increasingly appreciated by the people of our city. In the Librarian's Report will be found special mention of interesting gifts to the Library, and the List of Donors, pages 551-562, is a tabulated statement of all gifts made during the year.

From the MISSES FREDERIKA and ELIZABETH SKINNER and MR. ELIJAH K. HUBBARD were received donations of twenty-five dollars each toward the general expenses of the Society.

Chicago Portraits—

Among gifts which the Society receives none are more acceptable than portraits, whether paintings or photographs, of the citizens whose lives have made the history of Chicago what it is. We have been fortunate in adding to our collections this year some very representative portraits.

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Considering them in order of their historic associations, it is interesting to note that they fall into certain groups, roughly corresponding with certain sections of the city as it grew.

In the "Fort Dearborn group" may be mentioned portraits of the following: Dr. Alexander Wolcott, Jr.; portrait enlarged from a miniature, the original of which was painted by his sister-in-law, Mrs. John H. Kinzie, the reproduction being presented to the Society by her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Kinzie Gordon, of Savannah, Ga., through Mr. Frank Du Souchet, of Chicago. Dr. Wolcott was the first resident physician at Chicago, having arrived in 1819 or 1820, and remaining until his death in 1830. He was born at East Windsor, Conn., February 14, 1790, was a graduate of Yale, in the class of 1809, and was appointed by President Monroe Indian Agent to the Lakes, April 20, 1818. Speaking of Fort Dearborn, Gurdon Hubbard wrote: "It was rebuilt on the old site in June, 1816, by Capt. Hezekiah Bradley, 3rd U. S. Infantry, and occupied by troops until October, 1823, when it was again vacated and left in charge of Alexander Wolcott, Indian Agent." Dr. Wolcott's will was the first probated in Cook county. Of the donor of this picture, it may be said that she is the third Nelly Kinzie, of the family whose home was the only house on the North side of the river when the first Fort Dearborn was built. She married William Washington Gordon, a son of the builder and first president of the Georgia Central Railroad, and is thus associated with leading social circles of the South, without, however, we are glad to find, becoming unmindful of the place her family holds in the annals of Chicago.

MRS. EMILY BEAUBIEN LE BEAU, daughter of Mark Beaubien, who came to Chicago in 1829 to settle, staying for a time in the old "Dean house," beside the fort, and later building the first frame house in Chicago, if report be correct, has presented a large tinted photographic portrait of herself, and a cabinet-sized photograph of her late husband, Robert Le Beau. In addition, the Society is the recipient, through Mrs. Le Beau, of a very fine photograph of herself at the age of eighty-six, made during her recent visit to Chicago, in the Moffett Studios. We are also indebted indirectly to Mrs. Le Beau for a photograph of her cousin, Alexander Beaubien, son of Jean-Baptiste Beaubien and

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Josette La Framboise, presented by Mrs. Gwinthallyn Beaubien Bernard, Mrs. Le Beau's half sister, at whose home she stayed while in the city. A fuller account is given of Mrs. Le Beau's visit to the Historical Society elsewhere in the report. It is fitting, however, that we of the younger generation, acknowledge here the inspiration felt in looking upon even this "counterfeit likeness" of one who has known all the perils of the pioneer life, while retaining all of the sweetness and refinement which makes for civilization and happiness in any day or age.

Through Judge Dent, the Society has been enriched by the gift from MRS. KATE SHARP, of Louisville, Ky., of a portrait of her father, James H. Collins, painted by G. P. A. Healy. A letter from Mrs. Sharp contains biographical notes concerning her father, and a letter from Judge Dent accompanying Mrs. Sharp's letter gives additional data. The following is a brief summary. Born between 1802 and 1804, Mr. Collins came to Chicago in 1833. His diary records under date of January 20, 1834, "Commenced practice of law in this place with Mr. Caton as a partner in business. . . . May 14th. This afternoon the Circuit Court commenced its session in Chicago. Hon. R. M. Young, Circuit Judge. . . . May 17th, Circuit Court adjourned. Mr. Caton and myself have had a severe time of it, having been engaged all the time from the commencement to the end of the term. May 18, Departed for Ottawa to the Circuit Court." Mrs. Sharp records that her father was later associated with Justin Butterfield in business, and died in Ottawa in 1854. She also related that she has a letter from President Lincoln referring to his high regard for her father, and that in a personal interview he said to her, "Your father was the one lawyer I most dreaded. I felt almost sure my case was lost if he was my opponent."

MRS. T. MAURO GARRETT (*née* Ada Sawyer), a granddaughter of Justin Butterfield, has presented a water-color portrait of Justin Butterfield, as well as an early photograph of the Butterfield residence on Michigan Street at the northwest corner of Cass Street. The latter picture shows in the foreground a group of people on the lawn, including Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Sawyer, and their daughter, Ada (Mrs. Garrett). Of Justin Butterfield it is w

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to speak at length here. He settled in Chicago in 1835, and as is well known, became one of the leading lawyers of the Middle West, while his home became one of Chicago's most prominent social centers. His daughters, of whom Mrs. Sawyer was one, were spoken of as "the three beautiful Butterfield girls," and were known to the social world not only of Chicago but also of New York and Washington. Accompanying the above was a daguerreotype of Mrs. Ada Butterfield Gallatly (Mrs. Francis), with sundry gifts mentioned in other connections, made on the occasion of Mrs. Garrett's departure for an indefinite period from her home at the corner of Cass and Ontario Streets.

By bequest of JUDGE LAMBERT TREE, Honorary Life Member of this Society, whose death occurred in October of 1910, the Society is the recipient of a portrait of Judge Tree painted by G. P. A. Healy, the Chicago artist, representing the Judge in early middle life—a very fine example of the artist's best manner. A somewhat extended sketch of the career of Judge Tree as a jurist, diplomat, and publicist, was printed in the Society's Report of last year. It is with regret that we record the recent demolition of his beautiful residence, with its fine lawns, the latter extending for almost a square, and making a garden spot for the entire neighborhood bounded by Cass, Ontario, and Ohio Streets, with the Tree Studio building on the West. Judge Tree was a connoisseur in art, and the fine oaklined hall and wide-spreading drawing-rooms and library of this dwelling were hung with many a fine canvas. It is particularly characteristic, therefore, that the Judge's last gift to the Society, aside from important documents recorded elsewhere, should have been this work of art, connected with his own and the artist's prime of life.

MISS HELEN LESLIE CARTER, another member of the Cass Street group of early residents, has presented photographs of her father, James Carter, who came to Galena about 1840, removing to Chicago in 1860; of her mother, Helen Anderson (Leslie) Carter, of their daughter Isabella (Mrs. Charles P. Latting), and of their son, the late Leslie Carter. The picture of Mrs. James Carter is of the wide crinoline period—a very dignified and beautiful likeness of a young and handsome woman.

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Representative of the South Side of Chicago, and Michigan Avenue in particular, is the portrait presented by MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON FRENCH (*née* Jennie Bowen), whose father, James H. Bowen, the subject of the picture, together with his two brothers, occupied the stately mansions adjoining one another on the Avenue opposite the Lake Front Park, which were among the most deplored losses of the Great Fire. The portrait of Mr. Bowen was painted when he was in middle life by G. Merrihew. The importance of this acquisition lies not only in its artistic excellence, but in the associations evoked by the names of James H. Bowen in the minds of Chicago's older citizens. Quoting from F. F. Cook's *Bygone Days in Chicago*,

"In all public affairs, for many years, when anything for any reason refused to budge, the public instinctively turned to this incarnation of 'go.' It was chiefly through the energy of the Colonel that the house of Bowen Brothers grew to be one of the largest merchandising concerns in the city. Then, when the war broke out, men of his stamp being everywhere in demand, he became a member of Chicago's famous 'Union Defence Committee,' which . . . sent to the front many regiments. He was commissioned a colonel on the staff of the governor to give special effect to his work . . . He was chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and in that capacity was in Washington, and spent with Lincoln at the White House, a portion of the President's last day; and the arrangements for the martyr's funeral in Chicago were largely in his charge. . . . He organized the Third National Bank and was its first president; in that capacity he took the first steps towards the organization of the Chicago Clearing House Association. . . . In time the Colonel retired from active mercantile pursuits . . . and then undertook to reclaim the Calumet Swamp, and transform it into the now realized South Chicago. . . . Colonel Bowen was one of Chicago's really great 'promoters'—using the term in its best sense—and somewhere down on the now teeming Calumet . . . his name should be perpetuated by some enduring Memorial."

MR. A. W. WHEELER has presented a photographic copy from a daguerreotype portrait of David Kennison. In the Fergus Historical Series, no. 28, p. 114, we read: "Kennison, David, last survivor of the Boston Tea-Party, died Feb. 24, 1852, aged 115-3-17; interred in Lincoln Park about 320 feet n.-w. from the Couch tomb, and about 30 feet east of the east line of North Clark Street." Belonging to another era, it might almost be said that David Kennison is not within the "field"

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for the Canal commissioners what were generally called the Canal lots, or the first original lots of the city of Chicago.”

Now that the proposition for re-placing the names of Chicago streets with numbers is rife, it may be interesting to consider the street names in the light of this official survey of the “original town” as prepared by state officials at the instance of the government from whom the land was derived.

Andreas, in his *History of Chicago*, states that “Prior to 1830 there was no town of Chicago. The Canal Commissioners, appointed by the Legislature of 1829, were empowered to ‘locate the canal, to lay out towns, to sell lots, and to apply the proceeds to the construction of the canal.’” The members of this board were Dr. William Jayne of Springfield, Edmund Roberts of Kaskaskia, and Charles Dunn of Brownsville, Ill. These Commissioners were the official fathers of the city. They employed James Thompson to survey and plat the town of Chicago, on Section 9, Township 39, Range 14. The completion of this survey, and the filing of the plat, bearing date August 4, 1830, marks the date of the geographical location of the town, now the great city of Chicago.” Andreas further states: “. . . Section 9, ‘the original town’, and to which all other surveys are additions, fortunately covered the ground along the main channel of the river and at the junction of its two branches. The original limits of Chicago were Madison, Desplaines, Kinzie and State Streets, embracing an area of about three-eighths of a square mile. The public thoroughfares running east and west were, as recorded on Thompson’s map, ‘Kenzie’, Carroll, Fulton and Washington streets (on the West Side) naming them in their order from the north; while those lying north and south were Jefferson, Clinton, Canal, West and East Water, Market, Franklin, Wells, ‘La Salles’, Clark and Dearborn streets, naming them in their order from the west. Included within these brief limits were the hitherto independent settlements of Wolf Point, west of the river’s fork, and the ‘lower village’ on the South Side.”

MR. CHARLES H. CONOVER presented a set of Chicago Marine and Fire Insurance Company bank one, two, three and five dollar denominations.

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MR. ALBERT DICKINSON gave a blank certificate for \$500 issued by the banking house of R. K. Swift Brothers and Johnston of Chicago—famous “wild-cat” bankers of the fifties.

DR. C. B. REED gave a complete set of tickets of admission to the World’s Columbian Exposition.

VIEWS OF CHICAGO AND CHICAGO BUILDINGS

In this department of museum equipment we are indebted for gifts as follows:

To MR. FERDINAND WALTHER for a large lithographic view of “Chicago in 1830”;—to MR. A. W. WATRISS for additions to his beautiful series of photographs of Chicago’s old North Side residences, among them the Arnold, Sheldon and Perry Smith houses on Lincoln Parkway, the Cyrus H. McCormick and William Blair houses on Rush Street, the Porter and Nickerson houses of East Erie Street, the Rumsey residences on East Huron Street and the Reed house on Cass Street; the Isham, Fuller, and Peabody houses on Dearborn Ave., and the Farwell houses on East Pearson St.;—to MR. JOHN W. FOSTER for additions to his series of photographs of old homes in Lake View;—to MR. JOSEPH BEIFELD for a half tone print of the old Sherman House;—to MESSRS. WILLIAM O. OTIS and EDWIN H. CLARK for a photograph of the Portland Block in 1878;—to MR. EUGUENE R. HARRINGTON for a water-color painting of the Lake Shore Drive in 1890;—to CAPT. E. R. LEWIS for a photograph of “The First Flag Day Celebration in America, held at Douglas Park, June 18, 1892”, and of the Bohemian Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Chicago;—to DR. O. L. SCHMIDT for a series of 178 views of the World’s Columbian Exposition, 1893.

For the latest view of Chicago life the Society is indebted to MR. LYMAN H. HOWE, who through Mr. C. R. Bosworth of the Garrick Theatre, presented a moving picture film entitled, “Panoramic view of the new Northwestern Station” taken by Mr. Howe early in June, 1911.

So extraordinary a departure from the commonly accepted manner of preserving historic archives as the last gift involved, excited some press comment. Quoting from

Views of Chicago and Chicago Buildings—(Continued)

the Record-Herald of June 18, 1911, under the caption "Chicago's first 'Canned History' " . . . we read:

Except for certain films in the possession of the United States government this is probably the first official record of its kind in America. . . The Northwestern station just completed was selected as the most representative available type of Chicago architecture. . . In making the record an effort was made to include as much as possible of the action going on in the streets about the building—the moving crowds . . . the street cars, automobiles, wagons, and other vehicles . . . the overhead trolley and telephone wires (which the conduit system will probably supercede in a few years), the street-lighting appliances and the like . . . By the magic of science the people of 2011 will be able almost literally to turn back the hand of time and view Chicago and Chicagoans as they lived and moved in 1911". . . The Librarian's letter of acceptance of the plan was reproduced by the paper in fac-simile.

RELICS OF THE CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871

The collection of these relics has been augmented by gifts as follow:

MR. BENJAMIN ALLEN presented twelve original negatives, 8x10 inches in size, of views of ruins after the fire. This series is of exceptional interest.

MR. GEORGE H. FERGUS presented the "Ben Franklin printer's stick," said to be the identical printer's stick used by Franklin in his London printing office and brought to Chicago in 1839. Mr. Robert Fergus, founder of the Fergus Printing Company, so long identified with the annals of early Chicago, received the stick as a gift from a fellow apprentice who had acquired it in London. After early vicissitudes which we may imagine, and after surviving the ordeal of our great conflagration, this truly typical relic of "Poor Richard" now occupies a prominent place among the Society's most precious treasures and serves to link the names of Chicago's earliest printers with that of the immortal Franklin.

The children of the late JOHN NEWELL presented a Chicago Fire Memorial in the form of a painting by Emile

Relics of the Chicago Fire of 1871—(Continued)

Santin, 1871. The picture, which is thoroughly French in feeling, measures about 8x14 inches, and is finely painted on wood. It represents a lady, dressed in black in the fashion of the period, depositing a coin in a chest lettered "Relief for the sufferers of Chicago." In the background are seen the still smoking ruins of the city.

MISS W. R. E. MASON of Austin, presented a platter and plate, relics of the fire, together with photographs.

MR. CHARLES A. SAWYER gave one of the first velocipedes made and sold in Chicago, purchased by Mr. Sawyer in 1869, together with the receipted bill for the same, also the truck and box used the night of the Fire to carry the books of the firm of Charles B. Sawyer & Co. (formerly Davis, Sawyer & Co.) Boots and Shoes, from their store at 38-40 Lake St. to Mr. Sawyer's residence, 1640 Indiana Ave.

MRS. T. MAURO GARRETT presented a portrait bust of U. S. Grant in white porcelain, and busts of Napoleon III. and the Empress Eugenie.

MR. FRANCIS A. EASTMAN gave three charred banknotes, two of \$5 and one of \$10 denominations.

MISS AGATHA WIEBOLT presented as a relic of the Fire a bar of soap bearing the legend: "Clear the Track" said to have been manufactured in Chicago before the fire and to have been in Miss Wieboldt's possession ever since.

ILLINOIS HISTORY

Among the objects connected with the general history of the state, we note the gifts as follow:

From MISS AGNES GOODWIN CULVER, a set of fine zinc plates used by Miss Culver in an article on Kaskaskia written by her for the Chautauqua in 1901.—From MRS. S. E. R. FITZWILLIAM, a photographic copy of the engraving of the "Arkansas Traveller," familiar to early residents of the west. The present photograph was made from the engraving owned by Dr. Foster of Bloomington, Ill. It represents a backwoods scene before the days of railroads. With the picture is a typewritten sketch of the story involved in the "American musical myth known as

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'The Arkansas Traveller' "—which came into vogue among fiddlers about 1850.—From DR. O. L. SCHMIDT, an oil painting of Starved Rock after a sketch made in 1857 by Dr. Webber of Morris, Ill. The recent purchase of Starved Rock to be maintained as a state park lends added interest to this record of the appearance of this historic spot before the railroads had made it easy of access to the curious.—From MR. WM. A. R. MITCHELL a group of ten silk badges worn on various occasions, including the blue badge worn at the "Inauguration of the opening of the Calumet River to Navigation and Commerce, July 5, 1875."—From the MISSES ELIZABETH AND GENEVIEVE MARSHALL, of Carmi, Ill., a photograph of Major Samuel Davis Marshall, as an officer of the 3rd Ill. volunteers in the Mexican War, copied from a daguerreotype by Isaac deVos, of Chicago.

INDIAN RELICS

MRS. PHILO KING has presented two fine specimens of Indian water jugs. DR. C. B. REED gave the head of a Sioux War Club found on the battlefield of Wounded Knee.

CIVIL WAR RELICS

Gifts in this department have been received as follows:

From MR. FRANK G. LOGAN a framed copperplate engraving by W. A. Cooper & Co., of Selden J. Woodman's painting of John Brown. The picture bears the autograph of S. J. Woodman, and below it is printed a letter from Mrs. Brown to the artist in which she says: "It is an excellent likeness of him."—From MISS ALICE G. KERFOOT, framed portraits of Generals Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis.—From MR. J. M. VERNON, a ticket with this legend: "U. S. Zouave Cadets, Wednesday Evening, Eight o'clock, Complimentary."—From MR. JOHN D. DALE, a \$1,000 bond of the Confederate States of America, issued February 20, 1863.—From DR. O. L. SCHMIDT, a framed lithograph of the Birthplace of Stephen A. Douglas, at Brandon, Vermont.—From WILLIAM L. SOUTHWORTH an envelope bearing the Confederate flag, the letter head of the "Regular Nashville & St. Louis Packet Str. C. E. Hillman" and a note reading, "Taken from the Steamer April 25, 1861, on the Mississippi River above Cairo, while on her way south laden with munitions of war for the Confederacy. Capture made

Civil War Relics—(Continued)

by one gun squad of Battery A, Chicago Lt. Artill'y and a small detachment of Chicago Zouaves. (Signed) William L. Southworth, Corporal Battery A.;" also, a photograph of Lieut. John R. Botsford, Co. A, Chicago Lt. Artill'y in command of first gun fired in the West, at Cairo, Ill., to intercept steamer on Mississippi River; and a photograph of Irving W. Carson, General Grant's scout killed at Shiloh as he delivered a message to the General. With the above are a home-made Confederate pistol and a salt and pepper box.

War rifles in the collection of Gen. C. S. Bentley, framed with a poem entitled "Relics of the Civil War" by Mary E. Allbright. These lines were suggested to the writer by the offering for sale of old army rifles in a Boston department store. The gift of GEN. BENTLEY.

MAJ. S. E. BARRETT presented to the Society the silver mounted revolver that he carried during the War. Maj. Barrett was Captain of Taylor's Battery.

It should be mentioned that a large number of valuable relics have been loaned for the Special Civil War Exhibit and comment upon some of these will be found under the head of Special Exhibits in the Librarian's Report.

LINCOLNIANA

Among portraits and objects connected with the life of Abraham Lincoln gifts have been received as follow:

MR. LUCIUS G. FISHER, a remarque proof of the etched portrait of Lincoln by W. H. Bicknell, issued exclusively to members of the Bibliographical Society. This etching is after the Springfield photographs of 1860. It is mounted in a portfolio, with cancelled proof showing the process.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT, an etched portrait of Lincoln by Otto J. Schneider, after the Gardiner photograph of 1864.

MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., a large lithograph depicting Lincoln delivering his address at the Dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, Nov. 19, 1863. The text of the address is given below.

Lincolnia—(*Continued*)

MR. C. F. GUNTHER, a lithographic picture of Washington and Lincoln, bearing the legend: "Champions of Freedom," executed by Samuel Marshall, 1865, and lithographed by P. S. Duval & Son, Philadelphia. Also, a large bronze medal executed by H. Ryden, bearing on the obverse side a relief bust of Lincoln with the legend: "Abraham Lincoln, President, 1861-1865," Mr. Gunther has in addition contributed towards the purchase of several pictures.

MR. GEORGE ENGELKE, a white silk badge woven in black, red and blue, showing a medallion portrait of Lincoln. At the top is the legend: "Assassinated at Washington, 14 April, 1865 . . ." and below: "The Late Lamented President Lincoln." The maker is T. Stevens, Coventry.

MRS. T. M. GARRETT, a plate, showing a portrait of Lincoln and view of the Lincoln home, Springfield, on the obverse side, and on the reverse, the legend: "Petrus Regout & Co., Masstricht. Made in Holland."

THE CROWE NAME PLATE COMPANY presented a copper tablet bearing the Gettysburg address.

WASHINGTONIANA

The Society has, until now, made no particular effort to obtain material in this field, but occasional gifts, together with loans, have made possible a small exhibit for Washington's Birthday. Among the gifts from a member we note two large oil chromos, representing, the one, "Washington Closing the Lodge," after Lentze's painting, which shows Washington in full Masonic regalia; and the other, "Lady Washington's Reception."

MR. SIDNEY C. EASTMAN has deposited with the Society an original portrait of Washington by Gilbert Stuart.

MARIUS E. DAHL presented a lithographic copy of Lentze's painting, "Washington crossing the Delaware," the original of which is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. The lithograph was published by Currier & Ewes, New York, 1876.

COLONIAL MISCELLANY

MRS. GEORGE B. WOODWARD of Chicago has enriched the Society's collections with a group of objects chiefly colonial,

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including articles of apparel and of household utility connected with various persons, among them Martha Washington, Johnathan Edwards, George Ticknor, etc.

MRS. DWIGHT W. GRAVES, Regent of the Kaskaskia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a colonial spinning wheel, distaff and flax in a state of perfect preservation.

JUDGE THOMAS DENT, gave a photographic fac-simile of the Proclamation of the Association of the Freemen of Maryland, 1775.

MISCELLANEA

MR. HUBBARD CARPENTER gave a 12 foot U. S. flag.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT gave a mahogany easel.

MR. SAMUEL INSULL donated special illuminating equipment for four table cases by means of which the objects displayed are lighted from all sides. This gift has added greatly to the effectiveness of exhibits.

The Executive Committee feels that its Annual Report would be incomplete if it failed to publicly express and inscribe in the Society's records the Committee's appreciation of the faithfulness and zeal of the Society's employees during the year. Their interest has been constant and their industry untiring. So efficiently have the duties of their respective departments been performed by the Librarian, the Record Writer and Accountant, and the Accession Clerk, that the lack of an official secretary has hardly been noticed. The Executive Committee therefore deems it to the interest of the Society that the secretaryship should remain vacant until it can be filled to their thorough satisfaction and to the permanent benefit of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Executive Committee.

On motion of MR. FRANKEL, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, the Report of the Executive Committee was accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

MR. BURLEY, of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, then presented and read the Report on this Fund, which is as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 1, 1911, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Certificate of Deposit in hand November 1, 1911.

| | | | | |
|------|-----|--|-------------------|-----------|
| 1911 | | | | \$ 218.91 |
| Jan. | 4, | 6 months' interest on \$1,000. 3½ % bonds | 24.30 | |
| | | 6 months' interest on \$5,000. 4 % bonds | 1,000.00 | |
| | | \$500.00. 4 % bond maturing | 500.00 | |
| | | Interest on \$200.00 Certificate of Deposit | 1.39 | |
| July | 5, | 6 months' interest on \$1,000. 3½ % bonds | 24.30 | |
| | | 6 months' interest on \$5,000. 4 % bonds | 1,000.00 | |
| Oct. | 18, | Sold \$1,000. 4 % bond maturing July 1, 1912. | 997.30 | |
| | | Accrued interest on same | 11.39 | |
| | | Certificate of Deposit No. 1204, Jan. 4, 1912. | 22.02 | |
| | | Interest on same | .52 | |
| | | Certificate of Deposit No. 9510, July 5, 1911. | 1,317.50 | |
| | | Interest on same | 11.30 | |
| | | | <u>\$5,705.92</u> | |

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DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------|-----|--|------------|-----------|
| Jan. | 4, | Paid for two \$1,000. 4 % bonds, maturing Jan. 1, 1912. Nos. 1304, and No. 454. at 99½ | \$1,993.00 | |
| | | Accrued interest | .57 | |
| | | Paid Certificate of Deposit No. 1204, 3 months, 3 % | 22.02 | |
| July | 5, | Paid Safety Box rent | 10.00 | |
| | | Paid Certificate of Deposit No. 9510, 3 months, 3 % | 1,317.50 | |
| Oct. | 18, | Paid Chicago Historical Society, annual appropriation | 2,100.00 | 5,445.19 |
| Oct. | 18, | Certificate of Deposit No. 9510, in Safety Vault Box. | | \$ 260.73 |

STATEMENT OF GILPIN FUND, NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

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| Chicago City 3½ % bonds, par value. | \$17,000.00 |
| Chicago City 4 % bonds, par value. | 50,500.00 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 260.73 |
| Total. | \$67,760.73 |
| Amount received from Estate of Henry D. Gilpin, deceased. | 64,314.34 |
| Surplus. | \$ 3,446.39 |

Chicago, November 1, 1911.

(Signed) EUGENE H. FISHBURN,
(Signed) CLARENCE A. BURLEY, } Trustees.
(Signed) THOMAS DENT, Ex-officio,

Securities examined and found in hand in Safety Deposit Box, Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, November 2, 1911.

(Signed) W. L. LER,
(Signed) C. H. HER.

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MR. GUNTHER, seconded by MR. FRANKEL, moved that the Report of the Gilpin Fund Trustees be accepted and placed on file. Accepted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, MR. ORSON SMITH, the Treasurer's Report was presented and read as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
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| Balance on hand November 1st, 1910..... | | \$ 4,244.80 |
| Deposits by Secretary..... | \$ 9,255.12 | |
| Deposits by Trustees Gilpin Fund..... | 2,100.00 | |
| Interest on South Side Elevated Railway Bonds | 180.00 | |
| Interest on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry. Bonds..... | 200.00 | |
| Interest on Chicago City Railway Company Bonds..... | 150.00 | |
| Interest on Metropolitan Elevated Railway Co. Bonds..... | 40.00 | |
| Interest on Peoples Gas Light & Coke Com- pany Bonds..... | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Commonwealth Edison Company Bonds..... | 400.00 | |
| Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Bonds | 440.00 | |
| Interest on City of Mobile Bonds..... | 90.00 | |
| Interest on Bank Account..... | 84.34 | 13,339.46 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Vouchers issued by the Secretary, counter- signed by the President..... | \$10,608.89 | |
| Balance on hand, October 31st, 1911..... | 6,975.37 | \$17,584.26 |
| The above balance is made up as follows: | | |
| General Fund..... | 1,677.65 | |
| Pond Fund | 1,636.42 | |
| Polk Diary Fund..... | 308.50 | |
| Stickney Fund | 2,822.80 | |
| Marshall Field Fund..... | 323.86 | |
| Jackson Fund..... | 206.14 | |
| | | \$ 6,975.37 |

Treasurer's Report—(Continued)

The following securities are held in safe deposit box by the Society:

| POND FUND. | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Four (4) South Side Elevated Railway Bonds, each | \$1,000 | \$4,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bond | 500 | 500 |
| Eight (8) Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. Bonds, each | 1,000 | 8,000 |
| One (1) Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| STICKNEY FUND. | | |
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bonds | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| CARPENTER FUND. | | |
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| JACKSON FUND | | |
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| GARRETT FUND. | | |
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Company Bond | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| WATKINS FUND. | | |
| Five (5) Commonwealth Electric Company Bonds, each | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| TILTON FUND | | |
| Three (3) Chicago City Railway Company Bonds, each | 1,000 | 3,000 |
| WILLING FUND | | |
| Two (2) City of Mobile, Alabama, Bonds, each | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bond | 500 | 500 |
| MARSHALL FIELD FUND. | | |
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Bonds | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Five (5) Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry. Co. Bonds | 1,000 | 5,000 |

Respectfully submitted,

ORSON SMITH,
Treasurer.

Annual Meeting—(Continued)

The Report of the Auditing Committee appears following the digest of the Trial Balance in the Executive Committee's Report, on page 423.

The reports of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee were referred to the Executive Committee.

A short Report of the Membership Committee was presented. Mr. CONOVER, Chairman of this Committee for the second year since its establishment, with his associates, deserves the thanks of the Society for his untiring efforts in the duties of the Committee.

The Librarian's Report was now in order, but President DENT deferred its reading until the recess during the conference of the Committee on Nominations.

The next order of business being the Election of New Members, the Secretary of the Meeting read the following extract from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, November 7, 1911, with its recommendation for the election of Mr. NATHAN WILLIAM MACCHESNEY to Honorary Life Membership:

"Mr. Merryweather presented the following report on Mr. Nathan William MacChesney's application for membership, presented at the October meeting of the Executive Committee, and fully quoted in the Minutes of that meeting, as follows:

To the President and Members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Historical Society.

Gentlemen:—

The Library Committee begs to report on the application of Mr. Nathan William MacChesney to Honorary Life Membership in return for a donation of LINCOLN CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL CLIPPINGS, that the undersigned have investigated the subject, and called upon Mr. MacChesney, and are of the opinion that his representations of the value of the clippings are correct, and that in every way it would be desirable to have Mr. MacChesney a member of the Chicago Historical Society. Hence, the undersigned recommend Mr. MacChesney for election to the Honorary Life Membership at the Annual Meeting of the Society, according to Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the Society.

(Signed) O. L. SCHMIDT,
GEO. MERRYWEATHER,
Chairman.

The report was approved and ordered placed on file.

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Mr. Fuller, seconded by Gen. Newberry, moved that the name of Mr. Nathan William MacChesney be recommended for Honorary Life Membership in return for a donation of LINCOLN CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL CLIPPINGS, valued at more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. Adopted."

MR. BURLEY moved that MR. NATHAN WILLIAM MACCHESNEY, according to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, be elected to the Honorary Life membership of the Society in return for his gift of Lincoln Centennial Clippings.

The motion was seconded by MR. FRANKEL and unanimously adopted.

The Acting Secretary then read a communication from MR. WILLIAM HOLABIRD proposing MR. IRA J. COUCH for Annual Membership. As the Constitution of the Society in Article II., Section 1, provides for the election of members, at a regular meeting of the Society, without the recommendation of the Executive Committee, MR. MERRYWEATHER, seconded by DR. SCHMIDT, moved that MR. IRA J. COUCH be elected an Annual Member of the Society. The motion was adopted.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the next in order of business was Election of Officers, and stated that a President, two Vice-Presidents and the necessary number of Members of the Executive Committee were to be elected.

MR. FRANKEL, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, moved that THE PRESIDENT appoint a committee of three to nominate the required officers and committeemen. On adoption of the motion, THE PRESIDENT appointed to serve on such committee BISHOP CHENEY, MR. BUSH and MR. MASON.

During the absence of the Nominating Committee the Librarian presented her Report for the past year and read from it a number of extracts touching upon particularly interesting features of the Society's work. The Report is as follows:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Executive Committee of the
Chicago Historical Society:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending October 31, 1911.

In looking back over the activities of the Society during the past twelve months from the vantage ground of the last quarter, those familiar with the work the institution has been doing for more than half a century become conscious that new color and vitality are beginning to appear therein. The cause is not far to seek. It is impossible not to correlate the awakened face and cheerful aspect which it wears to-day, with the presence of troops of children in the building. Nor is the circumstance, which is in truth only a modest beginning of a new phase, accidental, for, by the direction of the Library and Entertainment Committees a deliberate effort has been made to extend the Society's work for the benefit of children. This has been done by making accessible and attractive to them, through special exhibitions on anniversaries, and in other ways, some portion of the wealth of historical materials stored within this beautiful building.

A factor of the Society's equipment not sufficiently known to the public is the Historical Museum, in which almost every phase of the development of the Old Northwest Territory and the Mississippi Valley is illustrated graphically. The exhibits here consist of models of Indian mounds and of forts; relief maps, pictures of early streets and residences, Indian relics and relics from battlefields; and the portraits of representatives of the various regimes—Spanish, French, British, American—that have been the determining factors in the history of Chicago, and of the Central West. The Museum is becoming the Mecca of thousands of school children who often journey many



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weary miles just to study the model of Fort Dearborn. And this is small wonder, for does not this exquisitely accurate reproduction, fashioned in accordance with Captain Whistler's drawings in the War Department, furnish an epitome of the pioneer life of Chicago? Photographs of some of these groups of young students are reproduced on the opposite page.

It has been said that Chicago has no Museum dedicated to Children, and perhaps a museum is needed, but in the meantime this Historical Museum is furnishing common meeting ground for young and old who desire to study Chicago's development from a wilderness to a world-city; and it is delightful to see the young students, note-book in hand, gathered about some white-haired early resident while he explains to eager ears the meaning of a tattered battle-flag or a charred fire relic in the light of his own experience. These talks are priceless legacies to children, who often for the first time see history "in the making," and realize that it is not a sober kind of fiction, but is actual life.

So much of our activity this year having been in the interest of children, the methods and plans for its extension must necessarily occupy a considerable portion of this report. A brief summary of the more important of these follows: Six special exhibitions have been held in the Society's building, and two outside, or extension exhibits given. A calendar of these will be found on pages 490-507. When it has been possible to secure the approval of the Superintendent of Schools for the advertising of a certain exhibit in the schools, postal cards have been sent to each principal extending a special invitation to teachers and pupils to visit the building. When this approval has not been given, general invitations have been published in the newspapers. This method is not entirely satisfactory, for teachers are permitted to close their rooms at more earlier than usual, the pupils suffer the di

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of having to examine the exhibits by artificial light, and when they come from the South and West sides of the city, must be late in arriving at their homes. Inasmuch as Chicago history is part of the course required to be taught in the Eighth Grade, it would seem that opportunity to make these historical expeditions in daylight should be granted several times a year, particularly as the teachers say that the exhibits wake a class up more than weeks of study.

Perhaps a concrete example of the direct effect of historical exhibitions may be pardoned here. In studying attentively the photographs of public school classes that visited the Civil War exhibit last spring, it was remarked that most of the faces indicated foreign nationality. On inquiry it was found that in a class of one hundred brought to the building in three sections (one of which is shown opposite page 470), ten per cent were children of American parents, the majority of the class being Russians and Scandinavians. Truly, here was a magnificent opportunity to begin in these impressionable minds the cultivation of American ideals, and it was just the opportunity that the Society had hoped for in sending out the following appeal for help last March:

Dear Sir:—

In anticipation of the semi-centennial of the opening of the Civil War, signalized by the firing on Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861, the Historical Society is planning to assemble in its Building an extensive collection of relics commemorative of the great struggle for the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery, to be exhibited free throughout the spring and summer. The opening of this exhibition will be the occasion of a special meeting of the Society.

Believing that it is the duty of educational and patriotic societies to commemorate this historic anniversary in order that the youth of our city may be impressed anew with its meaning, and holding with Colonel Roosevelt that, "Beside the material results of the Civil War we are all, North and South, incalculably richer for its memories. . . . for each grim campaign and hard fought battle," the Society has decided to spare no effort to make the occasion worthy and memorable. To this end it

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hopes to have the aid and encouragement of its members and friends in the work of gathering together a collection that shall be broadly educational and thus stimulating to patriotism.

The range of material which it seems desirable to collect is wide, and includes:

Flags.

Portraits, Union and Confederate, military and civilian, army nurses, workers on sanitary commissions and relief organizations.

Regimental and smaller groups.

Views of battlefields, fortifications, officers' quarters, camp life.

Arms and ammunition, canteens, etc.

Uniforms and articles of personal use.

Muster rolls and letters from soldiers.

Newspapers, war time music, contemporary views of Chicago.

Contributions to this exhibition, either as loans or gifts, are earnestly solicited. Please address correspondence to the undersigned.

Very respectfully,

Librarian.

A glance at the array of Civil War relics listed under the head of Special Exhibitions will show how hearty was the response to the Society's appeal. Nor were the desired results wanting. The enthusiasm of the children knew no bounds. This was sometimes evinced in laudations of the Society written in the Visitors' Register, but one class, wishing to make some return for benefits received, gathered under the tattered flags of the Mulligan Guards and Ellsworth Zouaves, and made the building ring with patriotic hymns, "The Star-spangled Banner," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "America," sung in the most reverent spirit.

The growing recognition of the Society's value not only by scholarly men, particularly lawyers and historians, but also by educators and social workers among the youth, is very gratifying, and may it not very rightly put it into the minds and hearts of the members of the Society, that it is their duty and privilege to make a strong demand upon the patriotism of Chicago citizens for co-operation commensurate with the need for extending the Society's work in this department of Child-welfare? In doing so, they will appeal strongly to those who are laboring to make Chicago a better and more beautiful place to live in, and who are in a position to do large things for our city, for it is recog-

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nized that the future welfare of the Society and of the city is in the hands of the boys and girls of to-day. If the right traditions are taught them now, the motto of these future citizens will be "*Noblesse oblige*," when it is theirs to guard the honor of Chicago and of its Historical Society.

In view of the statistics showing increased attendance of children (pages 508-511), if it should appear to anyone that *this* is the place to found a Museum for Children, the question of a site for it would not embarrass the Society, for the present building occupies but three-quarters of this lot, leaving a vacant space fifty by sixty feet back of the present building.

Despite the Society's very cordial desire to make its collections of actual service to the general public, the Librarian daily and sometimes hourly responds either by letter or telephone to a catechism such as the following:

Does the Society ever admit visitors?

What is the admission fee?

Where is the building located?

What days is it open?

What line of street cars shall I take?

To meet this demand for information, the poster reproduced on the opposite page has been prepared, and five hundred neatly framed, await the approval of the Board of Education and other bodies, to be installed in schools, parish houses, social settlements, field houses, clubs, railway stations, etc. If the offer to place them in schools is accepted, five hundred more will be needed.

An undertaking which emphasized the Society's progressiveness in the line of extension work occurred last May, when, by vote of its Executive Committee it was decided to send contributions to the Child Welfare Exhibit in the Coliseum. At first this had been thought impossible owing to the rule that none of the collections shall under any circumstances be permitted to leave the Society's fire-proof building. However, it was found that, with a moderate expenditure, photographs and lantern-slides could be

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ILLINOIS

THE LIBRARY

IS RICH IN MANUSCRIPTS, MAPS, AND EARLY NEWS PAPERS AS WELL AS IN THE STANDARD AUTHORITIES IN THE SOCIETY'S FIELD

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substituted for actual objects, and thus the Society was privileged to have part in one of the greatest and most beautiful activities ever attempted for children. The catalogue of the Society's contribution to this exhibit appears on page 502. Attention is especially directed to the photographs of children with their accompanying legends, and to the "Map of Historic Sites in Chicago," prepared especially for the occasion. When it is remembered that in all of its undertakings the Society is hedged in by lack of money, it is difficult to understand how even these small successes have been achieved. Let it be said here that these enterprises would never have been attempted had it not been for the earnest devotion to duty, and deep insight into the needs of the hour on the part of one of the members of the Executive Committee, whose name I am not at liberty to mention.

Through the efforts of this member the long cherished hope that the Society might be able to furnish a lecture on Chicago history to the schools which should be at once adequate to the subject and interesting to children, has received substantial encouragement. The lecturer was found, the lecture prepared, and a set of colored lantern slides of superior excellence supplied. Who will be the first to start a fund to pay for having the lecture delivered in every public school in the city? The lecturer is Mrs. Mary Ridpath Mann, a daughter of Ridpath the historian, and widow of Professor Charles W. Mann, late of Lewis Institute. Her splendid ability as a lecturer was demonstrated before a large audience in the Society's building on October 10th. Popular in character, and yet comprehensive and founded upon a well-proportioned survey of the whole field, this stimulating talk, given with enthusiasm and with an excellent delivery, can hardly fail to accomplish its purpose, and will inevitably draw large accessions of visitors to the Museum and Library.

Just here the Society is confronted by a serious prob-

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lem. The housing space for books, museum objects, and readers is already taxed to the utmost, and if the schools should at once respond to the invitation in large numbers the present facilities would be inadequate to accommodate them. Even without large accessions of readers the Society sorely needs a class room where teachers and pupils may examine and discuss books, maps, etc., relative to special topics of study without disturbing other readers. In this connection, a lantern or other projecting apparatus would be of incalculable value. Libraries and Museums in the East and even in Chicago are being equipped for these so-called laboratory methods. Why not the Chicago Historical Society, which can supply certain elements of education better than any other institution in the city?

A third desideratum is the equipment for a display of Indian relics. For this undertaking the Society already has the great essential, namely, a large, sunny room. This room is in the basement of the building, and is now used as a lumber room. A few hundred dollars would furnish it with display cases, and provide the paint and calsomine necessary to turn this into a veritable "happy hunting ground" for lovers of Indian lore. Possibly there are members who do not know that the Society several years ago acquired two extensive collections of maps of Indian villages and trails in the Chicago region, together with relics of the Stone Age gathered by the authors of the maps, Albert F. Scharf and Carl A. Dilg, and further, that both of these collections are kept packed away except at the rare intervals of a special exhibit. Not only this, but there are several remarkable collections owned by other Corresponding Members of the Society, which would be loaned in rotation if a suitable display room could be furnished. (See last year's Report, under Field Work.) The special exhibit of Indian trail maps and relics described on pages 490 to 491 of the present Report was considered of such importance by Frederick Starr, Professor of Anthropology in

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the University of Chicago, that he was induced to make this the subject of a lecture before the Society last December. Many instructors in the higher institutions of learning, as well as in the public schools, have expressed regret that this splendid opportunity to study aboriginal remains could not be afforded to students the year around. Surely the time cannot be far distant when this desire shall be realized, for there must be someone within our circle who remembers the delighted throb that his own heart gave at the first contact with "the real thing" in the way of Indian remains, and who would enjoy giving the somewhat sophisticated boys of to-day a healthy thrill, if at the same time by so doing he could encourage them to investigate the aborigines to some purpose.

A department of local archaeology would enlist the cooperation of the most scholarly investigators in this part of the country, and it is a department that many historical workers consider should be the main function of every historical society. By some chance the field is still unoccupied, for neither the Academy of Sciences nor the Field Museum has been able to specialize locally to any extent. The Constitution of the Society provides for this branch of work, and a beginning was made. Several members stand ready to contribute to the opening of the room, therefore it is hoped that action may be taken at this meeting looking to its accomplishment.

Historic Sites—

Two important measures looking to the preservation of historic sites have been passed by the Society during the year, namely, the Resolutions addressed to the Legislature of Illinois, recommending the purchase of Starved Rock for a State park; and the Resolutions addressed to the United States Congress advocating the appropriation of funds for completing the marking of the Oregon Trail, as surveyed and practically reclaimed by Mr. Ezra Meeker. Mr. Meeker passed over the trail for the first time in 1852,

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and is this year retracing his steps with ox-team and covered wagon to assist in the passage of the bill to be submitted to the next Congress. Further detail regarding the matter under the heading Meetings of the Society, where an account is given of Mr. Meeker's lecture before the Society on August 11th.

If the long line of past presidents of the Historical Society could look down upon the modern city and note the periodic renaissance of enthusiasm for the preservation of historic sites, one could fancy them chuckling at the general notion that the idea is new. The archives of the Society show that at no time in its history has interest in this important mission lapsed, and this fact is further attested by the mass of data laboriously collected for the purpose of authenticating as far as may be the exact sites of certain historic spots, whenever Chicago people shall really desire the service.

When recently it was decided to compile a map of "Historic Sites in Chicago from 1673 to 1871," it was found that these sites crowded each other so closely in the loop district, that the publishers could not furnish a map on a scale sufficiently large to permit their being clearly indicated. It was necessary therefore to have a map drawn on a scale of eight inches to the mile, and when the fifty-seven sites selected had been marked by numbers it was seen that the scale of twelve inches would not have been too large.

Possibly it is not generally known that the Chicago Massacre Monument in Eighteenth Street was presented by Mr. George M. Pullman to the Chicago Historical Society in trust for the city of Chicago. Moreover, the marble tablet on the house at 137 De Koven Street, marking the starting point of the Great Fire of 1871, was placed there by the Historical Society. This fact serves to recall a mission undertaken by this Society one decade after the great con-

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flagration, namely, the marking of the northern limit of the fire. The following reprint of a circular issued at that time, and but recently found, is given below:

1871 **CHICAGO** **1881**
TO ALL INTERESTED IN PERPETUATING IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

The CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY has decided to erect a memorial monument, to be located in Lincoln Park, where the last building was burned by the great Chicago Fire of 1871.

It is proposed to have inscriptions upon one side of this monument giving an account of this fire, its extent, amount of property destroyed, number of lives lost, etc. Upon another side the specific amounts of charities that were sent here from different parts of the world. On another side the rebuilding of the city in ten years since the fire, the value of the buildings, character, etc., and such other facts as will be suitable for an inscription to perpetuate the history of the fire.

The undersigned have been appointed a committee by the Historical Society to erect a monument of that character.

Messrs. Burnham & Root have kindly consented to furnish the design for the monument free of cost to the society or subscribers, and are now at work on the designs.

The Lincoln Park Commissioners have given permission to erect the monument in Lincoln Park, and will render all facilities in their power toward its accomplishment.

The names of the contributors to this monument, and the amounts contributed will be preserved by the Historical Society as a part of the history of the monument.

The committee has already placed a marble tablet in the building being erected in the lot where the great fire commenced, at 137 DeKoven Street, and hope to be able to erect an enduring monument that in all coming time will be an ornament to the city; an emblem of gratitude to the world's generosity, and a credit to those who furnished the funds for building it.

Any person desiring to contribute for the above purpose will please fill the accompanying blank, and send it to H. H. Nash, Esq., Treasurer of the Chicago Historical Society, 142 Dearborn Avenue.

The committee purpose to have the monument completed and dedicated on October 10th, 1881.

A. D. HAGER,
R. S. CRITCHELL,
L. L. COBURN,

Committee.

(Tear Off and Mail to Above Address.)

Chicago,.....1881.

I hereby agree to pay on demand of the Committee on Fire Memorial Monument of the Historical Society, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of erecting said monument; Provided a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars shall be subscribed.

This effort was without results.

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If the Society had a fund for the marking and perpetual care of the various places associated either with notable events in the city's history, or made sacred because there were the original hearthstones of the pioneers, it could engage in an active campaign of reclamation of ancient landmarks. This would be a valuable object lesson in civic pride to the youth, and a source of satisfaction to the elder citizens, in that it would furnish evidence of that historic background which many complain is lacking in western cities. Indeed it would tend to demonstrate to the world that Chicago's wonderful growth has been at all times sound and healthy, and not of the mushroom variety, as asserted by some older cities, particularly those of the East.

Two years ago the Society appointed Messrs. George Merryweather, Edward L. Ryerson and Charles W. Wacker to act as an advisory Committee with the Commercial Club Committee on the Plan of Chicago, suggesting to the Club the propriety of recognizing certain historic sites in the reconstruction of the city. Among the sites recommended as especially worthy of consideration were the following:

The River, commemorating its exploration by Marquette and Joliet.

The site of Fort Dearborn.

The Beaubien Claim, commemorating Jean Baptiste Beaubien.

John Kinzie's house.

"Cobweb Castle," the home of Alexander Wolcott.

"The Wigwam," where Lincoln was nominated.

It has been suggested that a marble reproduction of the typical frontier fort that once stood here, would be the most fitting monument for the Fort Dearborn site, and a contribution has already been offered toward a fund for the purchase of the site.*

*In April last, after this property had been sold, the Society learned that no provision had been made for the perpetuity of the tablet.

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In accordance with the instructions of the House Committee, the following paintings have been placed on exhibition in the Society's building, with a view to their purchase:

Fort Dearborn Block House, by the late Dwight Benton, from a sketch said to have been made by the artist in 1857. The painting was made in Rome in 1888. It is offered for sale by Mrs. Delia Legg, of Coldwater, Michigan, a sister of the artist. No price has been placed upon it.

Wright's Grove in 1857, painted by the late J. W. O'Brien, long connected with the Illinois Central Railroad, was valued by Mr. O'Brien at \$1,000.

Water-color studies of the following subjects by Mr. O'Brien are also submitted:

The North Shore, with the Lake View House in the background.

Michigan Avenue from the Lake.

The Mouth of the Ten Mile Ditch. The interest of the last sketch lies in the fact that the spot is now near the south end of Lincoln Park.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in its early days the Historical Society played an important role not only in the historical field but in civics as well, as shown by the following minute in the Record book:

"The meeting adjourned to meet January 24, 1861, at the home of Mr. J. H. Kinzie, Esq., to consider Prof. Rauch's paper on 'Interments in Cities.'" It should be noted here that it was owing to agitation of the subject by this Society headed by Prof. Rauch and Mr. Barry that burials in the cemetery which is now Lincoln Park were discontinued."

Relations With Other Institutions—

It seems probable that the impetus given to historical pageantry by the lecture of Mrs. Edward MacDowell before this Society last winter (see Executive Committee's Report, page, 424-425) may result in uniting representatives the various philanthropic and recreational associations of the city in an organization dedicated to the production of an historical pageant to celebrate the Centennial of the Chicago Massacre, which occurs August 12, 1912. There-

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fore it is fitting to record here some of the features that made possible the remarkable degree of success that attended the production of the Peterborough Pageant and gave it permanent value.

The subject matter of the pageant was the history of Peterborough, many of the scenes being enacted by descendants of the original participants therein, with pictorial interludes of an ideal nature, and a musical setting drawn from the compositions of Edward MacDowell.

The stage direction of the pageant was in charge of George F. Baker, Professor of Dramatic Literature at Harvard University, and the musical direction was in charge of Mrs. MacDowell herself.

The costumes used were made of the best material procurable, and studied after the most authentic models, partly as an inspiration to the participants, but also because the pageant is to be repeated at intervals of five years, and become a permanent feature of the community life at Peterborough. The repetition is in response to the earnest request of the people.

The Librarian, in visiting Peterborough during the last summer, found the people still talking of the pageant, and pointing with pride to the principal actors in it. The farm laborer where she stayed kept his copy of the "Book of the Play" under lock and key, and the town Selectman, who was master of the house, earnestly assured her that the Pageant did more for Peterborough than anything else in its history. All are looking forward to 1914 when it is planned to re-enact it. If Peterborough needs this, what must be the needs of Chicago, with her unassimilated foreign population?

Prominent social workers in Chicago have long recognized the value of public fêtes as a means of bringing about a better understanding between people of all degrees and nationalities, thus encouraging the development of civic con-

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sciousness that Chicago is said to lack. It would seem to be in keeping with its objects for this Society to actively ally itself with these agencies in their efforts to give Chicago a pageant really notable from the historical, musical, and dramatic standpoints. Experience has shown that expert management is the price of success in such large undertakings, that the employment of artists to train the singers and actors is absolutely essential, and that excellence of staging is indispensable. Unless these things can be made available it is to be hoped that the production of an historical pageant will not be attempted, for the occasion means so much that its celebration should be so truly inspiring as to be recorded in history as an achievement worthy the events and the men it commemorates.

The meetings of the Kaskaskia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held at intervals beginning with last November, have brought together the ladies of the families of many members of the Historical Society who had never visited the building before. Dedicated especially to the study of Illinois in the Revolution, the Chapter has announced its willingness to co-operate with this Society in the collection of historical relics relating to that period, particularly such objects as illustrate the manners and customs of social life in Illinois.

On the afternoon of February 18, in accordance with the permission of the Executive Committee, a meeting of the United States Daughters of 1812, was held in the Lecture Hall of the Society's Building, and was followed by a reception to Mrs. Robert W. Wiles, president of the visiting Society, in the Main Hall and Reading Room.

As a subscriber to the fund for publishing the annual bibliography entitled, "Writings on American History," this Society semi-annually receives a report from Dr. J. Franklin Jameson relative to the compilation, sale and expenses of publication. This year Dr. Jameson reports that as the five-year agreement entered into by the subscribers

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will expire with the current year, it is desired that a fresh agreement shall be entered into, to continue subscriptions through the five years beginning January 1, 1912, inasmuch as the undertaking has now passed the experimental stage and its usefulness as a tool for historical workers is thoroughly demonstrated.

With other Societies of the Mississippi Valley Association this Society has contributed to the fund for calendaring French archives relative to the Valley, which task was reported completed in October.

With the approval of the Library Committee, a meeting to organize an Association of Librarians of Special Libraries, was held in the office of the Society's building, on January 5th. The meeting was called by a committee consisting of Messrs. Frederick Rex, Assistant City Statistician; Dwight L. Akers, Librarian of the City Club; Frederick W. Schenck, of the Chicago University Law School Library, and Miss McIlvaine. The object of the Association is to promote the use of libraries on special subjects, and to consider ways and means of so cataloguing such libraries that readers shall be able to avail themselves of their resources with the least possible loss of time. The meeting was attended by representatives of thirty special libraries in and about Chicago. Resolutions were passed thanking the Historical Society for its hospitality.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held at Indianapolis, Ind., December 27 to 30. This Society contributed a report upon the year's work to the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies, of which Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, was Chairman. The principal address in this section was by Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites on "The Collection and Preservation of Historical Sources as a Function of Historical Societies."

On the evening of March 28, the Librarian gave a lantern-talk on "Chicago's History from the Mound Builders to the Great Fire," before the Parents' Association of the Kinzie School. An audience of perhaps two hundred, equally divided between parents, teachers and children drawn from one of the worst districts in the city, watched

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the pictures attentively for an hour and a quarter. After the historical slides had been shown, a series of slides illustrative of the Chicago plan, loaned by Mr. F. A. Delano, was exhibited and was received with enthusiasm.

Much time was given during April and May to preparations for the Child Welfare Exhibit, which was held in the Coliseum, May 11 to 25. The early days of the month of May were occupied with a series of conferences, the first of which took place at a luncheon given by Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, at the La Salle Hotel; the second was at a small luncheon given by Miss Addams at the Hull House; and the third was under the auspices of the Council of Museums and Libraries. Ways and means of co-operation were thoroughly canvassed at these conferences, with the result that this Society was assigned space in a group with the Academy of Sciences, Hull House and the Art Institute. A description of the exhibit will be found on pages 502-503 of the report.

On May 31 the Librarian attended a joint meeting of the Playground Association, and the Sane Fourth Committee, at which it was decided to assist the latter to make the celebration of July 4 a patriotic demonstration.

At a meeting of the Committee on June 28, last, on motion of Mr. Fuller, it was voted to defer action on the request of the World's Panama Exposition Company, of New Orleans, namely, that this Society as a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, endorse New Orleans as the logical point for holding in 1915 the exposition to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal. It was pointed out by Mr. Norman Walker, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Exposition Company, that the exposition would have a special interest to all those who are interested in the history of the Mississippi Valley, inasmuch as one of its features will be the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of permanent settlements along the Mississippi River. At the last meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, resolutions were passed favoring New Orleans for the Panama Exposition. This movement recalls the fact that the Chicago Historical Society, in 1882, invited all of the historical societies of the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys to co-operate with this

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Society in celebrating the 200th anniversary of La Salle's discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi River, April 2, 1882, at Chicago. At the request of the people of New Orleans, it was later decided to hold the celebration in that city, but owing to the disastrous floods of that year, the project was abandoned.

This movement was headed by Elihu B. Washburne, Marshall Field and Isaac N. Arnold, and it had its inception in a suggestion made to Mr. Washburne by the celebrated French historian, Pierre Margry.

This Society has been represented at nearly all of the sessions of the Council for Museum and Library Extension, and co-operated in *The Handbook of Educational Institutions in Chicago* prepared by the Council, in September. This Society's quota would have been 2,500 copies, but with the approval of the Library Committee all but 500 of these were turned over to the Association of Commerce for distribution. The entire edition consists of 40,000 copies, and is considered an excellent means of giving wide publicity to the work of the institutions contributing to the publication fund.

A new undertaking of the Council is the publication of a schedule of lectures to be given during the winter under the auspices of these institutions.

On September 14 the Librarian, in response to a number of urgent requests, gave a talk on "Early Chicago and the Chicago Historical Society," before about 400 members of the Business Women's Educational League of America. A particular effort was made to supply for these young women something of the historical background of Chicago, for, in the writer's opinion, that element is needed to inspire pride in our city as a permanent home and to make it a desirable abiding place.

During the last two weeks of September, the Society exhibited at the Coliseum, under the auspices of the International Municipal Exhibition, a "Map of Historic Sites in Chicago, 1673-1871," accompanied with a series of photographs showing views of those sites, and a set of the Society's publications specially bound to correspond with the Polk Diary. The Society's poster was used to call attention to the exhibit, which was favorably commented upon by the management of the exposition.

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A small collection of views of Chicago in Ruins, 1871, was contributed to the Fire Prevention Day celebration at West Park, No. 2, on October 9. The same series was later loaned to the Young Men's Club of the Fourth Presbyterian Church on the occasion of Mrs. Mann's lecture on Chicago.

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The Society has on hand at date 238 sets of the Polk Diary, published in 1910, and the A. C. McClurg & Company reports 262 copies unsold October 31, 1911. Of the original edition of 1,000 sets, therefore, 500 sets remain to supply future demands for the work. The Membership Committee last year found the offer of the Polk Diary a decided inducement in presenting the advantages of the Society to prospective members.

Aside from the *Year Book* for 1910 the publications of this year have been rather ephemeral. Distribution of the *Year Book* to members was made February 21, and several acknowledgements of its receipt have been accompanied with words of appreciation indicating that it had been read attentively.

On February 12 a small pamphlet on Lincoln was issued for distribution to visitors on Lincoln's birthday. The text for this publication consisted of an editorial by W. J. Cameron from *The Detroit News* of February 12, 1909, for which the Society is indebted to Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., who had been so impressed by its unusual merit that he secured a copy for the Society. It should be said here that the Society's collection of Lincolniana owes much to Mr. Kerfoot's thoughtful care in preserving for it many items which cost him time and expense to secure.

At the time that permission was granted to reprint the editorial, the editor of *The News* did not disclose the name of the author, but when copies of the booklet were forwarded to him he sent one to the author, who wrote to the Librarian, expressing his appreciation of "the honor bestowed upon an obscure newspaper man."

When the edition of two thousand copies was exhausted the Publication Committee authorized the issue of one thousand more in which the name of the author appears.

The pamphlet has been much in demand by collectors of

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Lincolniana, and requests for it continue to be received from teachers and others. Mr. Charles S. Sweet, for many years custodian of the Lincoln manuscripts of Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, writes:

President's Office, Pullman Company,
March first, 1911.

Miss Caroline M. McIlvaine,
Librarian, Chicago Historical Society,
Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Miss McIlvaine:

I received this morning your very pleasant note of the 28th, together with the documents which it mentions. The annual report of the Society gives me very many interesting details as to the work of the Society which I had not known before, and I shall be glad to keep it among my books of reference. The three copies of the Lincoln leaflet I have already distributed to friends here, all of whom concur in my estimate, as I telephoned you, of its value [namely, that this was the best thing on Lincoln that the writer had seen in years]. I shall welcome the additional copies which you promise me containing the name of the author, who has been altogether too modest in trying to hide his responsibility for such an admirable analysis of Abraham Lincoln's life and character.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) CHAS. S. SWEET.

Through the kindness of Mr. Seymour Morris, the Society was able to distribute to its members facsimiles of Lincoln's letter to Douglas, accepting the latter's challenge to the Joint Debates.

Mr. G. W. Bince, editor of *The Albion Register*, Albion, Illinois, by permission of the Society, is reprinting in his paper Flower's "History of the English Settlement in Edwards County," published by this Society from the original manuscript in 1882, and long since out of print. In this connection the following extracts from the Society's records tell the story of the acquisition of this valuable manuscript, the ownership of which was once called in question.

"The Society met on the 17th Jan., 1860, W. L. Newberry, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair. . . . From George Flower, Esq., one of the founders of the English Settlement about 1818, in Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., was received a communication announcing his completion, for this Society, of an historical sketch of that settlement, which upon its revision and correction, would be forwarded."

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A short article setting forth the main features of the Society's work and illustrated with a picture of its building, was contributed by the Librarian to the "Handbook of Educational Institutions in Chicago." An edition of 40,000 of these was provided for by the fund contributed by the institutions represented in the Council of Museums and Libraries, this Society paying for its share. The editorial work and the distribution expenses were borne by the Association of Commerce.

A similar article was contributed to the "Handbook of the Child Welfare Exhibit."

Mention of the publication of 1,500 copies of the Society's poster may perhaps not be out of place here, for this dignified and attractive bit of printing may do more to give publicity to the fact that all suitable persons are welcome to visit the Society's collections and use its library, free of charge, than any number of handbooks could do.

The Stickney Library—

The passing of this interesting collection from the Society's custody after its twelve years' occupancy of the room which bears this name, into the hands of a member of Mr. Stickney's family for whom it has intimate and almost life-long associations, is one of those happy adjustments which sometimes occur when all parties to a transaction are true to the trust reposed in them. In parting with this very beautiful collection of art and belles lettres, originally the private library of Edward Swan Stickney, the Society becomes possessed of an increased fund for the purchase of books in its chosen field, and, moreover, will be carrying out not only the spirit but the very letter of Mr. Stickney's plan inaugurated a few years before his death, namely, to form a special collection of books on Illinois to be given to the Society.

The following list of purchases previously made with the income accruing from the fund bequeathed by Mr. Stickney's widow, Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, shows that the Society has used this fund for the purchases

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of the choicest manuscripts and books that it has been its privilege to acquire, namely:

Transcripts of all names of firms and individuals from John Kinzie's four account books, St. Joseph's, 1803-4, Chicago, 1804-32; made by Rev. Wm. Barry from the original books, the property of the Society, and destroyed in the fire of 1871. (*See Librarian's Report, 1903, p. 37.*)

Carl Dilg's manuscripts relating to the archaeological remains in the Chicago region. (*See Librarian's Report, 1905-6, p. 350.*)

Papers of Jacob Kingsbury, containing correspondence with Capt. John Whistler, Captain Nathan Heald, Lieut. Lina T. Helm and others connected with the history of Fort Dearborn. (*See Librarian's Report, 1906-7, p. 113 et seq.*)

A Manuscript copy of the "French-Illinois (Miamis) Dictionary," the authorship of which is ascribed to Le Boullenger, a Jesuit missionary who labored among the Illinois at Kaskaskia from about 1700 probably until his death there, November 4, 1740. (*See Librarian's Report, 1910, p. 336.*)*

"The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln," by Frederick Hill Meserve, being No. 76 of an edition of one hundred and two numbered and signed copies.

Special Exhibitions—

Nine special exhibitions have been made by the Society during the year, six in its own building and three elsewhere, as follow:

December 13th Professor Frederick Starr lectured before the Society on "The Archaeology of the Chicago Region," basing his talk upon maps of local Indian Trails surveyed by Mr. Albert F. Scharf, and the extensive collec-

* *See also Lettres Édifiantes. . . . écrites des missions étrangères, par quelques Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Jésus*, in which Father Petit writes, under date New Orleans, 12 July, 1730, concerning the Illinois Indians at Kaskaskia, . . . "Their catechism, which has fallen into my hands, with the literal translation made by Father Boullanger, is a perfect model for those who have need of such works."

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tion of remains of the Stone Age loaned by Mr. Philip Schupp, of Bowmanville.

Five hundred postal cards and one thousand circulars announcing that the exhibit would be open to children from Dec. 14 to 20 were sent to the schools by direction of the Entertainment Committee, Superintendent Young giving special permission for their distribution to the principals. Between Dec. 14 and 24 thirteen schools aggregating 771 pupils viewed the exhibit with their teachers. The visitors ranged from Professor James A. James and his seniors from Northwestern University to a class from an Italian district whose members were so small that many heads were below the tops of the display cases.

Members of the Society who had never before visited the Building spent many hours here, several being much pleased to find Indian village sites indicated on lands which they owned.

Even a complete catalogue of this exhibition would but partially convey an idea of its high educational value. The beauty of the specimens proved the workmanship of the Bowmanville Indians to have been superior to that of any other Indians of this vicinity and the scientific and tasteful arrangement made by Mr. Schupp greatly enhanced the interest of the exhibit, which owing to its completeness afforded an opportunity for comparison of the various types of weapons, utensils and articles of adornment, never before offered in Chicago. If one of the many correlated groups of specimens could be pronounced of greater value than the others it would perhaps be that illustrating the processes in the manufacture of the arrow-point from the raw material of the flint nodule to the complete product. It would be difficult to over-state the possibilities of this as an educational exhibit.

Lincoln-Brown—

With the first week of February began the work of assembling Lincoln relics in preparation for Lincoln Day. Early notice of the matter was sent to the newspapers with the result that an unprecedented amount of space was given

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to the matter. The *Record-Herald*, *Examiner* and *News* had excellent illustrated articles. The exhibit was worthy of attention and in certain features was unique. The Society was indebted to Mr. Frederick H. Meserve of New York for the loan of a collection of five hundred photographs from original negatives of Lincoln and his contemporaries, printed especially for this exhibit. This collection was thoroughly representative, for it contained the members of his family and of his cabinet, officers of the army and navy both Union and Confederate, statesmen, governors, and the leading literary and dramatic personages of the day. It gave the keenest satisfaction to visitors whose recollections carried them back to the War period and more than one old soldier found here the faces of loved commanders whom they had not seen for nearly half a century.

Mr. Frank G. Logan, who only recently became a member of the Society, but who is deeply interested in American history, most generously responded to the Librarian's request for his co-operation in rounding out the Society's Lincoln exhibit, by loaning, for an indefinite period, two groups of relics, prized by him above rubies, the one associated with the personal life of Lincoln, the other with John Brown. The propriety of exhibiting these groups together will be apparent when it is remembered that John Brown is now frequently referred to as "Lincoln's John the Baptist." These groups of personal relics are probably the most intimate and interesting collections relative to Lincoln and Brown in existence. Chief of the Lincoln group is the blanket-shawl brought with him when he came from Springfield, which was his favorite wrap on his nightly visits to the telegraph office in the War Department and to the camp-hospitals. Other of Mr. Logan's exhibits are the frock coat and high black silk stock worn on the evening of the assassination, together with a play-bill for the performance at Ford's Theatre, his photograph bearing his last autograph, his pocket knife and cane made from the wood of the "Merrimac." All of these objects and many others were obtained from Mr. Pendle, the old door-keeper of the White House and are accompanied with sworn state-

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ments attesting to their authenticity. It was for Pendle that Lincoln autographed the above mentioned photograph as he and Mrs. Lincoln were on the way to their carriage for the theatre that last night. Pendle was one of the guard of honor appointed by the Secretary of War to accompany the President's remains from Washington to Springfield, Ill.

The John Brown relics seemed to be a revelation to visitors and members alike, and taken in conjunction with recent publications they contribute to the revision of public opinion which is taking place in regard to his life and times. Of the large collection, certain documents stand out with especial prominence, among these the martyr's long letter to his sisters, penned from the prison, at Charleston, Va., 22 November, 1859. For elevation of thought and beauty of diction this letter ranks with some of Lincoln's best. It reads in part:

I am obliged to occupy a part of what is probably my last Sabbath on Earth in answering the very kind and very comforting letters of sister Hand and son of the 23d inst., or I must fail to do so at all. I do not think it any violation of the day that "God made for man." Nothing could be more grateful to my feelings than to learn that you do not feel dreadfully mortified and even disgraced on account of your relation to one who is to die on the scaffold. . . . I feel astonished that one so exceedingly vile and unworthy as I am should even be suffered to take a place, anyhow or any where amongst the very least of all, who, where they came to die, were permitted to pay the "debt of nature" in defence of the right, and of God's eternal and immutable truth."

Accompanying the above letter is the Bible which was the philosopher's constant companion in prison, where he occupied much of his time in marking passages referring to slavery and oppression.

Of secondary importance but of great interest are his pistols and field-glasses, one of the pikes with which he armed the negroes, and photographs of himself and of his fort at Charlestown.

Perhaps the document of greatest importance in the collection is a scrap of paper upon which are the prophetic

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words penned by John Brown on the day he was hung. This reads as follows:

“Charleston, Va. 2d December, 1859.

I John Brown am now quite *certain* that the crimes of this *guilty land* will never be purged away but with Blood. I had, *as I now think*, vainly flattered myself that without very much bloodshed it might be done.”

Of the Lincoln relics owned by the Historical Society only one need be mentioned here, namely, Lincoln's letter to Douglas accepting the latter's challenge to the joint-debate, the final transfer of which by Mr. Morris, for the Trustees of the Lambert Tree estate was most timely, for this exhibit alone attracted many visitors and was pronounced by some to be as valuable as any Lincoln letter extant. Through the kind offices of Mr. Morris, *The Tribune* devoted more than a half column to comment on and a facsimile of the letter.

War of 1812—

On February 18th a small exhibit of materials relative to the War of 1812 was displayed for the benefit of the Daughters of the War of 1812. Among these were a rib from Commodore Perry's flag-ship, the *Lawrence*, with which he won the Battle of Lake Erie, sending his celebrated dispatch “We have met the enemy and they are ours”; also letters of Captain Heald, Lieut. Helm and other heroes of the Fort Dearborn Massacre.

Washington-Clark—

On February 21, in honor of Washington's birthday, on the occasion of Professor James' lecture on “Illinois During the American Revolution,” owing to the generosity of Mr. Gunther, the Society was able to offer an exhibition of souvenirs of Washington, and in connection with this, a group of objects associated with George Rogers Clark drawn from its own collections. Mr. Gunther loaned the following life-size portraits:

George Washington, by Charles Wilson Peale, Martha Washington by Stuart, Mary Ball Washington, by Middleton, and Betty Washington, by Wertmuller; also the celebrated miniatures of George and Martha Washington, by St. Memin, notable because they were their last portraits from life. An exceedingly important group of Washington letters and documents was loaned by Mr. Gunther, among them an original copy of the Treaty of Greenville.

Special Exhibitions—Civil War

The Civil War Exhibit was opened on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the war signalized by the firing on Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861.

The Librarian's request, quoted on page 472, for the co-operation of the members and friends of the Society in the matter of assembling a loan collection of relics of the great conflict, met with so cordial a response that it was found necessary to use the Reading Room, Main Hall and Lecture Hall to house the exhibit. Owing to the fact that no wall space was available for displaying pictures, it was found necessary to place screens at right angles with the walls in the Reading Room; and in the Lecture Hall four-leaved screenes, which stand independently. By this means it was possible to display five hundred views of battle and camp scenes taken from the illustrated papers of the day.

If anyone had entertained a doubt as to the wisdom of showing to children the souvenirs of the Civil War this doubt must have been dissipated by the evidences of a new culture of heart and head that was taking place under the eyes of the teachers who listened as eagerly as their pupils to the accounts of special exhibits given by the Librarian and her assistants. More than one said that an hour spent here accomplished what the printed pages never could, namely, to convey a vivid idea of the heroism of the man in the ranks, whose cheerful acceptance of hunger, sickness, danger, and all the petty privations that go to make up the cost of war, makes possible the success of the man higher up.

The visitors at the building were often as interesting as the exhibits. For example, on April 19th a group of survivors of Taylor's Battery, Chicago Light Artillery, gathered about the case containing Mr. Albert Dickinson's soldier outfit, which is so complete that it is doubtful if it could be duplicated. In this group of survivors were Major S. E. Barrett, Captain I. P. Rumsey, Henry W. Dudley, Albert Dickinson, Charles N. Pierce, Theodore P. Roberts, J. M. Vernon, C. J. Sauter, Richmond N. Hull, Thomas Whitfield, and Steve Johnson, all well-known Chicagoans. As it dawned on them that before their eyes were once more the old silver watch, the tin dishes, and

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personal possessions of Mr. Dickinson, which had so often passed from hand to hand among them, his boyish comrades on picket duty or in camp, it was difficult to say whether smiles or tears were more in evidence; but certainly, that, for anyone born too late to know the war at first hand, this was a reunion which it was a privilege to witness, for it made real the heroic days of our country.

A partial list of exhibits follows:

In the case devoted to General Grant, a volume loaned Mr. Ernest D. Kohlsaas sheds new light on the beginning of the war, so far as that hero was concerned. This is the Bill of Lading Book of Jesse R. Grant, of Galena, Illinois, bearing under date of April 10, 1861, the last entry made by Ulysses S. Grant, as shipping clerk in his father's leather store, just two days before the firing on Fort Sumter. Mr. Kohlsaas writes that "as soon as the news of the call for troops reached Galena, posters were stuck up calling for a meeting of the citizens at the Court house in the evening. Grant says in his Memoirs, 'I never went into our leather store after that meeting to put up a package or do other business.' So we claim that this bill of lading . . . was his last commercial work before the War, and before this bill of lading was a year old, he had fought Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donaldson, Shiloh, and Pittsburg Landing, and was recognized as the greatest military genius of his time."

With this volume are the saddle and bridle used by Gen. Grant during the War, presented to the Society by Hempstead Washburne; the revolver carried by Grant in his holster, together with one carried by one of his staff officers, loaned by Mr. C. F. Gunther; a hat made and presented to Grant while stationed at St. Louis by Ladies of the Confederacy; a water color sketch of Grant, loaned by Mr. J. C. Scales, and a series of original photographs. Near by is the oil portrait of Grant painted from life in 1868, the gift of the late Mr. E. B. McCagg.

Very important for Illinois history are the forty-two letters, telegrams, and documents relative to the Cairo expedition to "repel expected invasion from other states"—

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including Gov. Richard Yates' appeal and Gen. R. K. Swift's response, the collection being the gift of Mr. W. H. Christian. With these are photographs of Yates and Swift, with a brief history of the organization of Swift's Chicago Light Artillery.

Mr. Adolph Georg, one of the survivors of the Cairo Expedition, Illinois' first contribution to the War, was instrumental in securing the loan of the following portraits owned by the North Side Turner' Society: Col. Mikalotzy, General Turchin, and Colonel Hecker.

Mementoes of Col. James A. Mulligan, of the 23rd Illinois "Mulligan's Guards," or "The Irish Brigade," heroes of Lexington, were loaned by his daughter, Miss Alice Mulligan, and include: oil painting of Col. Mulligan (by Healy); Abraham Lincoln's letter referring to him as "Col. Mulligan, of Lexington fame"; letters from Col. Mulligan to members of his command; a portion of the old flag of the 23rd Illinois, with one of Col. Mulligan's epaulets; the sword presented to Mulligan by his friends in Chicago; the flag of the 23rd Illinois bearing the legend, "Lexington, 1861—Winchester, 1864. *'Lay me down and save the flag'*"—Mulligan's dying order as he was being borne from the battlefield at the defense of Washington—with the Commission making him a Brigadier-General by brevet, signed by Lincoln and sent to his widow after his death.

Also reminiscent of the "Irish Brigade" are photographs of Daniel and Mrs. Quirk, with a pistol carried by Captain D. Quirk, loaned by Mrs. Daniel Quirk, of Evanston, together with a letter from Mulligan returning her husband's commission to him, and photographs of various commanders and comrades.

Taylor's Battery, of the Chicago Light Artillery, is in part represented by a typical camp outfit loaned by Mr. Albert Dickinson, and carried by him through the War, as Corporal in Company B of that Battery. His corporal's jacket and belt, with the clumsy prison-made shoes worn, are accompanied by his haversack, with its contents intact, including a Diary for the year 1864, in which the entry for January 1st reads, "Very cold all day. Had no rations

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for 48 hours. No meat for 4 days. Bought some fresh pork and corn bread." With this is a little account book which he kept as treasurer for a private mess in which he and four companions pooled their pay to buy food. Photographs of some of these companions are shown, together with all the little treasures of a soldier, even to his shaving soap, towel, tin dishes, sewing materials, and the open faced watch supplied with a tin "crystal" which he carried.

Mr. Henry Dudley, also of Taylor's Battery, Company B, loaned, among other things, a combination knife, fork, and spoon, curiously contrived to close into one handle; also the Colt's revolver presented to him by H. W. Hinsdale & Co., of Chicago, and a Confederate canteen made of cedar wood, captured by him at Fort Hindman, Arkansas, in 1863.

Maj. S. E. Barrett, Captain of Taylor's Battery, 1861 to 1863, loaned the silver mounted pistol carried by him throughout the War.

The famous Ellsworth Zouaves were represented by the "Champion Flag," awarded to the United States Zouave Cadets, by the United States Agricultural Society at their 7th Annual Fair, Chicago, Sept. 15, 1859, after competitive drills in the principal cities of the United States, property of the Chicago Historical Society; by the "Manual of arms for Light Infantry . . . arranged for the U. S. Zouave Cadets, Governor's Guard, Illinois, by E. E. Ellsworth," loaned by Mr. Julius Frankel; by photographs of Col. Ellsworth, commemorative music, such as "The Ellsworth Requiem March," camp scenes in color, etc. A small Zouave suit, worn by Alva Bloss, as drummer boy for the G. A. R. of Leadville, Col., illustrates the brilliant costume in miniature.

Mr. Ogden T. McClurg, of the A. C. McClurg Publishing Company, loaned the broadcloth coat worn by his father, Gen. Alexander C. McClurg, as a Colonel at the Battle of Chickamauga, the sword presented by his friends, Chicago, Aug. 27, 1862; a pair of dueling pistols captured personally by Gen. McClurg from a Confederate officer



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file scouting in Georgia after Sherman's March to the sea, with the trunk of a tree having many minie-balls in it, and last but not least, his great treasure, a little book of poetry—"Palgrave's Golden Treasury of Song"—exquisitely bound by the great English master-binder, Coblen-Sanderson. This veteran volume, which became his close companion while still a Captain of Company H, 88th Illinois Volunteers, accompanied him from Murfreesboro to Bentonville, and, in Gen. McClurg's own words, "was always close by, and from the depths of a portmanteau . . . heard all the din and roar of those bloody battles, and was often surrounded by the cruel sights of the field hospitals."

Captain I. C. Nelson, of the 89th Ohio Regiment, loaned a number of objects of especial interest. Of these, a suit of faded "regimentals" worn by him as Sergeant of the 73rd Ohio, tells its own tale. The coat is peppered with bullet holes—evidence of the "bushwhacking" received by Capt. Nelson in the mountains of West Virginia, April 26, 1862, when having been shot nine times, receiving six wounds, and being kicked in the head and left for dead by the bushwhacker, he succeeded in walking fifteen miles to the nearest hospital. In the breast pocket of the coat was a small Testament which escaped being wounded, by reason of some long documents which covered it. A more comely uniform is that worn by Captain Nelson on Sherman's March to the Sea, and with this are the sword and knapsack which accompanied it.

Mr. John C. Scales, of Battery M, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, made a very complete little exhibit of articles pertaining to that Battery, including the Roster and list of battles and skirmishes in which Battery M was engaged, a Roster of members and photographs of comrades of his corps, not omitting the "mascot"; a Diary kept by Mr. Scales during the War, together with his sabre, canteen, and some fragments of shell from the battlefields of Look-out Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

Mr. J. F. P. Robie, who enlisted as a bugler in the 1st New Hampshire Cavalry, October 14, 1861, when but thirteen and one-half years old, and who re-enlisted in the

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New Hampshire Infantry, Jan. 4, 1864, and served throughout the War, as a drummer boy, loaned his drum and drum-sticks, with a picture of himself and of his brother in uniform. With these were several medals, and the commissions and discharge papers of Mr. Robie, and of his brother, George Frank Robie, of the 7th New Hampshire Infantry. Mr. Robie was one of two thousand lads who were enlisted under fourteen years of age.

Among Northern weapons of the War are several swords, including that of Albert S. Follansbee, of the 6th Massachusetts Volunteers, carried during the fight with the mob in the city of Baltimore, April 19th, 1861, loaned by Mr. C. F. Gunther, together with its silver scabbard; a sword and sash loaned by the widow of Capt. Robert S. Owen, of the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry; a sword carried by Dr. Samuel Willard, Major and Surgeon of the 97th Illinois Infantry; guns of various types, the property of the Society, a revolver used by Gen. Walter Q. Gresham, and presented by Mrs. Gresham. Bullets, minie-balls, grape, canister, and shells from sundry battle-fields were loaned by various persons.

In strange juxtaposition with these death-dealing weapons and munition are the surgical instruments, medicine case, night-lamp, needle-case, and bandages used by Dr. C. M. Clark as Surgeon in the United States Hospital Service, and loaned by his widow, Mrs. C. M. Clark, of Chicago.

Dr. John M. Pillsbury's loans include bullets taken from wounded soldiers of both Union and Confederate sides, rings made by sick soldiers in the hospitals, and the gavel given him by James L. Orr, Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, said to have been used when the State seceded, and the broadside issued by the *Charleston Mercury* of December 20, 1860, announcing that "The Union is dissolved!"

Very pathetic are certain letters from private soldiers, such as the series written from the front by Josiah Bloss, of Providence, Pa., who enlisted for three months, but

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served throughout the War. With these are his Diary, his portrait, and the flute with which he was wont to amuse his comrades in camp, all loaned by Mrs. Stella Bloss Norland.

A Commission signed by Lincoln and Stanton on August 19, 1861, issued to James Curtis, appointing him 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment, United States Infantry, is accompanied by a letter to his mother, after the Battle of Murfreesboro, Jan. 4, 1862. Loaned by C. C. Curtiss.

Mrs. S. E. R. Fitzwilliam, in addition to a group picture of Captain J. Fitzwilliam, Rose, and Elisha Fitzwilliam, and a photograph of Capt. Fitzwilliam at Lookout Mountain, loaned autograph drafts of "America" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and a wheelbarrow made in part of a rail split by Abraham Lincoln.

A painting by J. Joffray, representing Farragut's fleet passing the forts at New Orleans, April 24, 1862, was loaned by Mr. C. F. Gunther, in addition to his other numerous loans.

Mr. Jesse M. Smith, of Opelika, Alabama, sent the manuscript of Gen. D. Stuart's official report of the Battle of Arkansas Post, Jan. 15, 1863, with a Pass issued to Sergt. Maj. Job Vaughan of Company D, 55th Illinois, at Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 9, 1865, signed by Gen. Giles A. Smith.

Among important Confederate documents were: the Document signed by the six electors delegated by the State of Louisiana to elect a President and Vice-President of the Confederate States of America, signifying that Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi and Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia had been elected. Also the Governor's certificate of said electors, both loaned by Miss Katherine Abbott, President of the Business Woman's League of America; the manuscript of the Resolution by the State of Georgia declaring the standpoint of the Confederate States, and the terms upon which peace should be offered the enemy, captured at Milledgeville, Ga., by Capt. I. C. Nelson, of the 89th Ohio, and loaned by him.

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Of objects captured from Confederate soldiers, Col. Cyrus S. Bentley loaned quite a collection, including a Confederate flag captured near Wilmington, N. C., a belt worn by Capt. William Lee, 53rd Virginia Infantry, 1862, and a stiletto captured from a Confederate spy in Fayetteville, Ark.

Other Confederate trophies were: a brick from Libby Prison, loaned by Capt. E. R. Lewis; a cap-box from Fort Stevens, July 13, 1864, and a home-made salt and pepper box from the battlefield of Fort Donelson, gift of Mr. W. L. Southworth; four Confederate swords of clumsy construction, taken from the State Armory at Milledgeville, Ga., No. 24, 1864, while on Sherman's March to the Sea, by Capt. I. C. Nelson, who loans them. Of these swords it is pleasant to think that they were never used, and that they may well now be "beaten into pruning hooks" in these days of broader brotherhood.

Child Welfare—

In preparing the Historical Society's contribution to the Child Welfare Exhibit held in the Coliseum, May 11 to 25, the Librarian had in mind not so much an imposing display as a truthful exposition of the actual work for children here, this work being now only in its incipency and as yet only indicating what might be done along this line with time and money.

The sum appropriated by the Committee (\$35.00) was applied in the preparation of the following exhibits:

- I. A series of large photographs of groups of children examining objects in the Society's historical museum. With these were labels which read:
"History Stimulates Patriotism by Cultivating Local Pride in Past Achievements."
"Local Pride Broadens as the Child Grows and Culminates in Love of Country."
"Good History Students Make Good Citizens."
Etc.
- II. Another series showing samples of the objects particularly valuable to school children, in their study of Chicago history, such as the Marquette-Joliet reliefs, the model of Fort Dearborn, and

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views of the Fort at various periods of its existence from 1803 to 1857, views of the ruins of the Chicago Fire, etc.

- III. A Chart of Chicago upon which were indicated historic sites from 1673 to 1871. The dimensions of this chart were about 4x6 feet, the work being executed in the office of Messrs. Greeley and Howard, Surveyors. About the border of the map were a series of photographs illustrating the sites marked thereon.
- IV. A series of stereopticon slides showing "Chicago from the Stone Age to the Great Fire."

The bulletin showing the Society's Building and map indicating its location was distributed freely, "Yearbooks" and "Handbooks" being given to those that asked for them.

As it was not possible to keep a representative of the Society continuously at the Coliseum, thousands passed the exhibit unheedingly, yet there were doubtless hundreds each day that took note of this institution's work who had never heard of it before. Perhaps the most substantial benefit derived was that a great body of specialists in work for the young studied the exhibit with a view to making the Society one of its assets in uplift work.

On the evening of May 17th the Librarian delivered a short address entitled "History, The Child and Patriotism," in the Conference of Museums in connection with the Welfare Exhibit.

Action has been taken looking toward a permanent museum relative to Child Welfare.

Great Fire, 1871—

In September a request was sent to 700 members of the Society and old residents for gifts or loans of pictures and relics illustrative of the various stages of Chicago's civic development from the frontier village of 1833 to the metropolis of 1871, the hope being that sufficient material might be assembled to worthily commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Great Fire. On the afternoons of October 9th and 10th the "Old Settlers" were special guests of the

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Society and many pleasant reunions resulted as the Visitor's Register attests.

The first responses came from most unexpected quarters, some of them from persons who said that this notice was the first intimation they had ever had that such contributions were considered worthy of preservation by the Society. Inasmuch as the display cases in the Museum were filled with the Society's own exhibits it was found necessary to borrow cases for the new accessions of relics and pictures that began to flow in. The Field Museum responded cordially to the Librarian's request by supplying 150 square feet of glass-covered cases, thus making possible a logical and dignified arrangement of the exhibits which later proved interesting and even instructive to hundreds of visitors.

While the preparations for the Society's Fire Anniversary were at their height a request came from the manager of West Park, No. 2, that the Society would contribute something to the Fire Prevention Day exhibit to be held there on October 9th. Accordingly, a series of enlarged views of Chicago Fire scenes, among them a picture of Mrs. O'Leary's famous cow, was hastily dispatched. This is said to have been examined with interest by several thousand school children who gathered at the Park to learn about fire prevention.

Lest some have forgotten, it may not be out of place here to recall here that with the courage that has always characterized Chicago people the members of the Society did not wait for the ashes of the Great Fire to cool before they began securing mementoes of the destruction that had swept away their material possessions. It is owing to this unselfish zeal that the Society is able to show to the youth of to-day such priceless relics as the following:

The original draft of the Proclamation of the Mayor and Common Council providing for the preservation of order, signed by Roswell B. Mason, Mayor; Geo. Taylor Campbell, by R. B. Mason; Charles C. P. Holden, President Common Council; J. B. Brown, President Board of Police. The gift of Byron L. Smith.

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An original hand-bill proclaiming the City to be under martial law.

Four (4) original telegrams of General Sheridan ordering troops, provisions and blankets for the fire sufferers.

More than one hundred narratives of personal experiences in the Fire, prepared at the Society's request by prominent citizens, among them Isaac N. Arnold, S. S. Greeley, Mrs. Henry M. King, Lambert Tree and George M. Higginson. The gathering of this legacy was largely due to the industry of the last mentioned gentleman.

Among valuable objects loaned were the following:

By Mr. John C. Shaffer, owner of *The Evening Post*, four documents of surpassing interest, namely, correspondence between General Sheridan and Secretary of War Belknap arranging for the government to supply military protection and food for the fire sufferers. Mr. Shaffer has since made these letters a gift to the Society.

By Mr. Christopher Bentham, twelve original negatives, 10x12 inches in size, made while the ruins were still smoking. This series has since been purchased by Mr. Benjamin Allen and presented to the Society.

By Mr. John Becker, a photographer, ten original photographs of ruins (11x14 inches in size).

By Mrs. W. H. Flagg, a large collection of rare stereoscopic views before and after the Fire, together with photographs of prominent early residents. An actual photograph of Mrs. O'Leary's cottage after the fire was perhaps the most unique of these, and caused much discussion.

Mr. C. C. Curtiss loaned an interesting group of views of the site where the Chicago Club now stands, dating from the sixties to the present time, also a panoramic view of the ruins of the city looking north from Harrison Street.

Mrs. W. H. French loaned photographs before and after the Fire of the homes of James H., Chauncey, and George Bowen, situated in Michigan Avenue where

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Chicago Athletic Club now stands. With these were charred relics of celebrated pieces of sculpture which were destroyed in the burning of these homes.

Mrs. P. C. Dyrenforth loaned a massive silver tankard and two pitchers of old English ware which her mother, Mrs. John F. Stafford, took from the sideboard of her home on Michigan Avenue where the University Club now stands and carried to a place of safety on the night of the fire.

Mde. Cyrus H. McCormick contributed a large number of specimens illustrating the action of the fire on various substances. These exhibit fantastic colors and shapes, in some instances impossible of identification unless by the specialist.

A hand-truck with box used on the night of the Great Fire to carry the books of the firm of Chas. B. Sawyer & Co., dealers in boots and shoes, from their store at 38 and 40 Lake Street to Mr. Sawyer's residence on Indiana Avenue, together with the said books and a photograph of the store were contributed to the exhibit by Mr. Charles A. Sawyer.

The Society is greatly indebted to Miss Twitty of Oak Park for the loan of the most complete collection known of hand-bills bearing Proclamations of the Mayor and Council. It has long been the desire of the Society to own these Proclamations without which the collection of Chicago Fire souvenirs is not complete.

Professor Elias Colbert contributed to the loan exhibits an object which it is supposed is absolutely unique, namely, a copy of the *Chicago Tribune* bearing the date October 9, 1911, and having printing only on the inside of the paper, that is, pages two and three. This half-completed sheet containing wordy editorials referring scathingly to the popular mania for fire insurance, and crop reports complaining bitterly of the "long continued drought," says not a word of the fire creeping momentarily nearer the "fire-proof" building of the *Tribune*. The following account of the printing of this paper is given in the words of Professor Colbert.

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"On Sunday night October 8th I was on the roof of the Tribune Building (as a member of the editorial staff), watching the progress of the fire across the city and dictating alternately to two reporters on either side. There had been no fear that the Tribune would burn as it was called 'completely fire-proof.' About two in the morning (of the 9th) a boy came up from the press room and said that no more copy could be used as word had come that steam was to be cut off and the presses shut down. I remained on the roof but a short time and descending to the press rooms found them deserted. The sheets of the next day's papers were in stacks printed on the inside, and waiting as the custom then was to be run through a second time for the matter on the first and last pages, which would have contained the news of the fire. I picked up a single sheet and took it home with me. I have never heard that another was in existence."

This yellowed and yet crisply fresh paper, treasured for four decades, is eloquent of the sterling qualities that characterized the men behind the newspapers in the days before the Fire.

A case filled with other newspapers, published immediately after the Fire, is a very attractive exhibit.

To the *Evening Journal* belongs the honor of being the only downtown paper issued on Wednesday, October 9, 1871, and this is a small single sheet labelled "Extra." To be sure, a paper entitled *Happy Hours*, published at 52 West Madison, bears the date "Tuesday, October 9th." Even the editor of the *Illinois Staats-Zeitung* labored under some delusion also, for the caption of his paper reads "Mittwoch, den 10. Oktober, 1871." The *Tribune*, *Evening Journal* and *Post* got out more or less regular issues on the 10th, and the *Times* published numerous "Extras" like small hand-bills on that date. Examples of each of these are exhibited.

Attendance—

The number of visitors to the library and collections, exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

Attendance—(Continued)

| | READERS | | VISITORS | | TOTALS |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Men | Women | Men | Women | |
| 1st quarter, | 62 | 32 | 860 | 727 | 1681 |
| 2d quarter, | 146 | 27 | 1686 | 1456 | 3315 |
| 3d quarter, | 175 | 67 | 462 | 208 | 912 |
| 4th quarter, | 130 | 31 | 788 | 446 | 1395 |
| | <hr/> 513 | <hr/> 157 | <hr/> 3796 | <hr/> 2837 | <hr/> 7303 |

Total Readers, 670. Total Visitors, 6633.

The total attendance of this year is more than double that of last year, the largest number on one day being February 13, when 340 were recorded at the Lincoln—John Brown Exhibit. Last year but 117 attended on the opening day of the Lincoln anniversary. The second large attendance for one day was on December 16, when the Indian Exhibit was opened, 263 being recorded.

The total attendance at the seven evening functions of the year was 1071.

Applications filed for books record 2210 volumes specifically called for. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

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| Chicago history, geography, etc..... | 557 |
| Illinois history, geography, etc..... | 170 |
| Chicago and Illinois newspapers..... | 286 |
| "Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley.. | 308 |
| Biography..... | 85 |
| Manuscripts | 124 |
| Indians and antiquities..... | 46 |
| Reference and miscellaneous works..... | 108 |

Among notable visitors and early residents who have signed the Visitors' Register are the following:

Enoch Allen, who has lived in Chicago since 1854.

Frank G. Beaubien, son of Mark Beaubien, who came in 1826.

I. L. Beaubien, born in Chicago, 1858. Son of J. B. Beaubien and Katherine Penney.

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Francis A. Blackburn, son of John Blackburn, who came from Central New York to Livingston Co., Michigan, in 1827.

William Boldenweck, son of Carl Boldenweck, came in 1854.

Mrs. William Boldenweck, daughter of Frederick Samme, born in Chicago in 1852.

George B. Byron, who came to Chicago in 1862.

Catherine Buckmaster Curran, Alton, Ill., daughter of Nathaniel Buckmaster.

Susie W. Dickinson, daughter of Edward Hempstead, of Galena, came to Chicago in 1854.

William Dickinson, who came to Chicago, 1859.

Gustave Goodkind, who came to Chicago in 1856.

Charles Harris, who came to Chicago in 1853.

E. K. Hubbard, Middletown, Conn., who was born in Chicago in 1835.

William F. Hunt, who came to Chicago, April, 1854, son of Edwin Hunt, who first came in 1833 and located here in 1847.

Martin McNulty, who came to Chicago in 1862.

M. H. Madden, Member Old-Time Printers' Association—Chicago Typo. Union, No. 16, since April, 1866.

S. W. Mowers, Fayetteville, Pa., heard Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

E. E. Sirrine, son of Robert Sirrine, who was a pioneer in Illinois near Chicago about 1845.

Charles M. Tre vess, printer in Chicago since 1861.

Tunis B. Van Wyck, son of Stephen D. Van Wyck, who was a cousin of Surgeon Van Vorhis, who succeeded Cooper at Fort Dearborn and perished in the massacre.

William A. Walter, son of Ethan Walter, Jr., who came to Chicago in 1837.

Andrew Ward, whose father was employed thirty years by Gurdon S. Hubbard.

F. A. Winkelman, who came to Chicago in 1841.

Charles Zschuppe, who came to Chicago in 1855.

Attendance—(Continued)

CLASSES FROM SCHOOLS

Annie S. Newman and class of 15 from Spencers school.
Mina M. Watson and class of 60 from Monroe school.
Mary E. Dunbar and class of 41 from Audubon School.

Mary E. Lynch and class of 45 from Raymond School.

Emma E. Brickley and class of 48 from Audubon School.

Nellie M. Walsh and class of 45 from Irving School.
Nellie Butler and class of 30 from Irving School.

J. A. James and class of 30 from Northwestern University.

B. F. Bullard and class of 6 in Lane Tech. High.

George B. Masslidi and class of 7 from Wells School.

Mrs. S. H. Wallace and class of 86 from Nash School.

Mary R. E. Mann and Eighth Grade of Nash School.

Anna Rondthaler and class of 22 from University School.

Nellie C. Hudd and class of 7 from Horace Greeley School.

Miss Johnstone and class of 22 from Douglas School.

Miss May Weddle and class of 26 from Kinzie School.

Miss Lynona Buckley and class of 17 from Kinzie School.

Miss Azile B. Reynolds and class of 22 from Kinzie School.

M. I. Irwin and class of 20 from Burroughs School.

Jeanette Tidball and class of 49 from Morse School.

Mrs. S. H. Wallace and Mary R. E. Mann with class of 90 from Nash School.

Dora Wells and class of 12 from Chicago Teacher's College.

Albert S. Wilson and class of 29 from Library School at Urbana, Ill.

Julia M. Sheridan and class of 9 from La Salle School.

Florence Burnett and class of 33 from Von Humboldt School.

Clara K. Olsen and class of 29 from Von Humboldt School.

Lillian H. Wright and Eighth Grade of Washington School.

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Emma G. Grimm and class of 22 from Mulligan School.

E. Perry and Eighth Grade of Chicago Latin School.

H. F. Kling and class of 24 from Spencer School.

A. O. Rape and class of 37 from Ray School.

Mary A. Gilbert and class of 27 from Farragut School.

Mary R. E. Mann and class of 45 from Nash School.

Annie S. Newman and class of 18 from Spencer School.

5 pupils from Perkins Bass School.

Total pupils—971.

Accessions—

The additions to the Library by gift and purchase since Nov. 1, 1911, are as follows:

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| 187 manuscripts, | 1016 pamphlets, | 1474 miscellaneous |
| 855 volumes, | 44 maps, | 3576 total. |

Of the 3576 items received during the year, 2374 were donations.

While the number of accessions this year shows an increase of nearly one-third over those of last, there have been no large collections added. The classified list that follows serves to indicate the degree in which the various departments in the Society's chosen field are being strengthened by gift and purchase. Groups of special interest are Manuscripts, Chicago Imprints, Lincolniana, Slavery, War of 1812, and Mississippi Valley.

Probably the rarest book received during the year is Wyeth's *Oregon; or, A Short History of a Long Journey to the Pacific*, published at Cambridge, Mass., 1833. This with several other books on the same subject was added by Mr. Charles H. Conover, to the collection of works relative to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, already the most complete in existence, presented by him to this Society in 1910. The chief intrinsic historical interest of this book lies in the fact that Wyeth's band of New England farmers was the entering wedge of that policy, which the United States soon after de-

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veloped, of taking possession of the Oregon country by home-seekers, as against the nomad occupancy of the fur-trading companies directed from Montreal, which was necessarily Great Britain's only resource. Clad modestly in the original grey-green wrappers in which it was published nearly four score years ago, this precious little volume is now folded in a silk cover which in turn slips into a crushed Levant asbestos-lined case, made by Zehnsdorf, well calculated to preserve it as a lasting monument to the Oregon pioneers and to the zeal of a Chicago bibliophile as well.

Besides several volumes noted elsewhere Mr. Conover has added to the Lewis and Clark Collection a personal check entirely in the handwriting of Meriwether Lewis when he was governor of Louisiana Territory. It is dated St. Louis, April 24, 1808, and is an order on the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States to pay to Z. Mussina the sum of four hundred dollars.

A gift which in a sense transcends all others in interest for Chicago people is a time yellowed pamphlet of twenty-six pages:

"Opinion of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, ON BEAUBIEN'S CLAIM, in the Case of Jackson, on the demise of Murray M'CONNELL *vs.* De Lafayette Wilcox," by Justice Smith, delivered at Vandalia, at the Adjourned Session for June term, 1837; Chicago, Edward H. Rudd, Printer, 1837.

The donor, Mr. Julius Frankel, has had this bit of early print luxuriously bound and encased in crushed levant as befits the book that possibly takes precedence of every other printed in Chicago except "An Act to Incorporate the City of Chicago, Passed March 1, 1837. Printed at the Office of the Chicago Democrat," 1837.

This pamphlet might well be made the basis for an interesting investigation into early legal procedure, and it furnishes choice material for the local historian, as nearly every prominent citizen was sooner or later drawn into the case. Furthermore, Jean Baptiste Beaubien is known as the Second Permanent Settler of Chicago, having first come in 1804. He purchased "of the rightful owner thereof," after the Massacre in 1812, a log house directly south

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of the ruins of the Fort near the lake, which had stood since 1804. In 1823, when the garrison was withdrawn from the Fort, he purchased the Factory-House just outside the south wall, where he resided with his family until he left Chicago for his farm—the famous "Harisrabble"—about 1840. During the winter of 1831-32, Mr. Beaubien was the honored president of the Village Debating Society, and was the colonel and organizer of the first Cook County militia. His niece, Mrs. Le Beau, relates that he sent two of his sons and two daughters to France to be educated, and in every way did credit to Chicago as a gentleman and a scholar. The old homestead of Colonel Beaubien was where now is the southwest corner of South Water Street and Michigan Avenue. This was bid in at the land sale in June, 1839, by James H. Collins, a lawyer, for \$1,049, and, in the words of Medore Beaubien, "the very house my father was inhabiting, in which his family had been born and reared, and around which were the graves of his departed children, was sold from him in his old age."

The sale referred to took place June 20, 1839. The *Chicago Daily American* of June 21, recounts that on that day an indignation meeting was held by the citizens, presided over by Wm. H. Brown, the first President of the Historical Society, and with John H. Kinzie and James Wadsworth as Secretaries, resolutions were passed denouncing Mr. Collins, and expressing regret that the government should find it necessary to be so ungenerous to an old and respected citizen, who had been of great service to the early settlers of Chicago, particularly in their dealings with the Indians. Without knowing it, the Chicago Historical Society in 1909 followed in the footsteps of its mentioned first officers, for it sent a memorial communication to the Chicago City Plan Commission, urging that Beaubien Court shall be absorbed in the new Madison Boulevard link, that its original site, the Beaubien, be commemorated, if not by a substantial bronze tablet.

From Hon. James H. Roberts, Secretary of the Society, has been received documents and letters from public meetings held from 1813 to 1841. The late Thomas Mather, Esq., the maternal uncle

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Thomas Mather, born in 1795 in Hartford County, Connecticut, came to Kaskaskia, Illinois, in 1818, and in 1820 represented Randolph County in the Second General Assembly of the State in which body he served almost continuously until 1836. Always prominent in public affairs, his correspondents included many of the notable men of his time, among them Pierre Menard, John Edgar, Ninian Edwards, John Reynolds; Daniel P. Cook, for whom Cook County was named; Nathaniel Pope, the first Secretary of Illinois Territory, through whose efforts the northern boundary of the State was fixed at 42° 30' instead of at the southern bend of Lake Michigan; Sidney Breese, Samuel D. Lockwood, and Richard J. Hamilton, the father of Henry E. Hamilton.

With the letters are three papers, to each of which is appended a long list of signatures of citizens of Randolph County. These documents are addressed to Mr. Mather and three other members of the General Assembly from Randolph County, and purport to be instructions to these gentlemen to vote for a bill to call a convention for the purpose of altering the Constitution of the State. The signers of the instructions proposed to eliminate from the Constitution the words "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall hereafter be introduced into the State." This effort to change the Constitution in 1822 failed through the efforts of Col. Mather and kindred spirits, inaugurated the slavery struggle in Illinois.

In 1825 Col. Mather was appointed by President John Quincy Adams a Commissioner with Benj. H. Reeves and George C. Sibley to mark out a road "from the western frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico." The original commission signed by Adams and Henry Clay, then Secretary of State, is included in this collection.

The most interesting document of all, however, is an original plat of the Russell & Mather Addition to Chicago, drafted from memory by Gurdon S. Hubbard when in New York in 1835. This land which was bounded by Halsted Street, Chicago Avenue, the North Branch, Jefferson Street and Kinzie Street, had been purchased by Messrs. Hubbard, Russell and Mather for \$5,000. Within three months after its purchase with nothing but an engraving of this rough

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draft as evidence, Mr. Hubbard sold one-half of the land to New York purchasers for \$80,000. When the news reached Chicago by slow stage coach it was discredited, but when Mr. Hubbard confirmed the report an unprecedented boom in real estate resulted.

The Trustees of the Lambert Tree Estate have deposited with the Society the following manuscripts bequeathed under the will of the late Judge Tree: Letter of Abraham Lincoln to Stephen A. Douglas accepting the latter's plan for the joint-debates, and a large portfolio containing autograph letters from persons famous in history, among them two letters from George Washington. Through the kindness of Mr. Seymour Morris, one of the Trustees, the Lincoln letter has been printed in facsimile and distributed to the members.

From Mr. ELBERT WHEELER, an early resident of Arlington Heights, through the solicitation of Dr. C. A. Earle, of Des Plaines, have been received two manuscript volumes containing the Records of the Elk Grove (Ill.) Congregational Church, 1836 to 1865; and 48 letters of admission and dismissal of members, some of the former dated as early as 1833.

The record begins as follows:

Elk Grove, Feb. 13, 1836. In pursuance of religion met at the House of Brother Aaron Miner for the purpose of organizing a Church of Christ.

Rev. N. C. Clark and Deacon J. Clark attended for that purpose. Brother M. Morse was chosen scribe.

Letters were then presented and read by the following persons: Aaron Miner, Hannah Miner, Lavina Wilder, Salome Skinner, Frederick T. Miner and Miranda Miner, from Church of Christ, in Waitsfield, Vt., Mark Morse, Mehitable Morse, John Whiting and Betsy Whiting from the Church of Christ in Rochester, Vt.

Following the above are the Articles of Faith, and the roll of the subsequent members. Mr. Wheeler informed the writer, who visited him on his beautiful farm near Arlington Heights, that Aaron Miner was a Revolutionary soldier and that a majority of the community were from New England. Dr. Earle, who is compiling a history of the Des Plaines River settlements, says that it was necessary for him to make a journey to the Pacific Coast to find the descendants of most of these people, whose farms long ago passed into other hands.

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The records, as well as the letters, show the business of the Church generally to have been conducted with great decorum, albeit not without occasional controversy. The following communication is cited as an indication that the New England conscience did not suffer by being transplanted:

Elk Grove, October 17.

Bretheren of Elk Grove Church. Tho I am not conscious of saying it, yet as my Brother says that I said I considered Mr. Drake had done what was as good as stealing or what was no better then stealing I think it is posible I might of so said, though I am not sensible of saying so. If I said he stole the trees, or, that it was as good as stealing or, enything like it, it was hasty & I redely take it back, & regret that I said it. But that taking the trees as he (Mr. Drake) did I shall as ever say, I think the example a bad one for a Minister or any one else, & a moral wrong.

Yours in haste,

J. C. GOULD.

At the request of the Librarian that Mr. Wheeler contribute something from his own experience, there has been received from him a most valuable account of encounters between "Lincoln hirelings" and "Copperheads" in the vicinity of Chicago in 1863 and 4.

Another gift negotiated by Dr. Earle is a series of five letters from Reverend William Barry, the founder of this Society, written to the Reverend Augustus H. Conant of Geneva, Ill. These letters all bear dates between April and September, 1856, and relate to the conduct of the Society in the first months of its existence.

The letter quoted below will doubtless be read with interest by the members of the Society for it might almost be styled "The Book of Genesis" in the archives of the Society.

Chicago, April 28, 1856.

Rev. A. H. Conant,

My Dear Brother: I write partly to apologize for my non-appearance at Geneva owing to ill health, in part, &, in part, to engrossments, wh. have absorbed my time. My family left for the East, last Friday, & I have been charged also with some care & labor in starting the "Chicago Historical Society," whose laboring oar, I almost regret to say is put into my hands. For several weeks the plan of it has been maturing with care; for you well know, that, for such an institution to be successful, & do its proper work, it must be made up of "just and impartial" men and not be perverted to the purposes of party. Fortunately we begin with men "fit & few" some twenty, not to be enlarged beyond thirty, the first year—and never more than sixty *resident* members.

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You will understand the advantages of this arrangement, in a new Society like this. We hope to make corresponding members, of whom I hope you will be one. We propose to found a Library—to establish a Depository of Mss. & not least to attempt a full and scientific exploration of aboriginal remains in the State. I think Chicago enterprise & liberality will do all this. There is already talk of buying a lot for the Society's use. Our chief men are the Ogdens, Scammons, W. H. Brown, Judges Skinner and Manierre, Drs. Blaney and Davis, &c., whose names alone will inspire confidence. Do not doubt the right beginning is made. Mr. Ogden gives us rooms for the present in the 3d story of his fine building, corner of Clark & Lake Streets & the Society have put upon myself their charge. Please come & see me. And now let me bespeak your ever ready aid. Our first regular meeting comes off the third 'Tuesday eve' in May. Will you not be our *first* correspondent. I ask you, because I would like to have you take this first honor. Just sit down at your leisure, these coming three weeks, and write your *recollections*. Give us a sketch of the settlements on the Aux Plaines—the names of the first settlers—the events under your cognisance, the chief pioneers and what you know of them—your recollections of the beginnings of Chicago, and whatever else would interest the Society & the Public. Just give the plain narration of your Reminiscences of your long life, West, in your own way. I know it will be welcomed, and you may possibly see it, ere long in print. At all events, give us of the "abundance of the heart." I should like you would bring it, before the 19th May & permit me to consult you. We have much work to do, & I should value your counsel. Dr. Smallwood & myself are on the Committee on Eccles'l History. I wish you could be a member also, for we provide for Corresponding Members. I write this in haste, but with full confidence in the pleasure you will take in my announcement. Cannot Dr. La Baron give us a paper of a scientific character, connected with his favorite pursuits. Please excuse the freedom with which I have asked so much of you, & with kind regards to your family & all our highly esteemed friends at Geneva, believe me,

Sincerely yr friend & bro,

(Signed) WM. BARRY.

What aboriginal remains have you on Fox River or in your region? We have Mr. Lapham's work on Wisconsin Remains—a fine book.

From Mr. HENRY E. HAMILTON have been received two letters. One of these dated New Ark, 11 July, 1802, is from Ahira Hubbard, the father of Mrs. Gurdon S. Hubbard, to his sister Pamela Hubbard giving a very spirited account of the writer's prospects in business and his success in society in his new home. Those fortunate enough to have known the daughter of this gentleman would find in this letter the same vivacious humor that characterized her

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writing and conversation down to the day of her death. The postage on the missive was 17 cents from Newark, N. J., to Claremont, N. H.

The other letter dated St. Louis, November 12, 1818, is from Elizur Hubbard to his wife in New London, Conn., and is particularly interesting for in it the father of Gurdon S. Hubbard gives us an intimate description of the son which seems almost a prophecy of the great part he was to play in the building of Chicago. The letter reads in part as follows:

"You have before this received our good son Gurdon's letter, whereby you were informed of his arrival here, and of his good and perfect state of health. He has grown very large since he left us last Spring, and seems to have improved himself equally with his growth. He seems to be very ambitious to excell in his business and while here he obtained the united praises of all who became acquainted with him. He left here for his wintering ground two days since."

It will be remembered by the readers of Mr. Hubbard's Autobiography that on this, his first trip for the American Fur Company, he had stopped at Chicago several days, before descending to St. Louis.

Mr. Henry E. Hamilton has performed a service for the Society that perhaps no one now living could have done as completely, namely, to make a plat of that section of the North Side lying between Chicago Avenue and the River, Clark Street and the Lake, locating upon it such residences as were there before 1850. It is interesting to note that this section which contained the homes of a large number of the most prominent citizens of that period has not lost its character today. Among these citizens there is only space to mention: William B. Ogden, Julian Rumsey, E. I. Tinkham, John H. Kinzie, Gurdon S. Hubbard, Richard J. Hamilton, Mark Skinner, Billy Caldwell, Leander McCormick, J. T. Ryerson, E. K. Rogers, Theron Pardee, S. H. Kerfoot, S. D. Childs, Justin Butterfield, George W. Dole, Grant Goodrich, H. O. Stone, Geo. M. Higginson, Walter Kimball, Geo. F. Foster, H. H. Magee, Isaac McCagg, Walter L. Newberry and Isaac N. Arnold. At Illinois and Wolcott Streets was the old North Presbyterian Church and only a block away the New England Congregational and St. James' Episcopal Churches. The town well was at the foot of Cass Street.

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Through the courtesy of JUDGE E. O. BROWN the Society last summer had the privilege of making a typewritten copy of the unpublished autobiography of Stephen A. Douglas, the original manuscript of which is owned by Hon. Robert M. Douglas. Of this Judge Douglas writes as follows:

The original of the above sketch of Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, is in a small blank book found among his private papers. It is in his own handwriting, hastily written and evidently never revised or continued. It is dated September 1, 1838, when he was only twenty-five years of age, and does not extend beyond his service in the Legislature. It was evidently never intended for publication but may now have some public interest as the candid statement of the boyhood and early manhood of a young man who had bravely and successfully faced life's battle; and who was writing frankly purely for his own future information, and at a time when the circumstances were yet fresh in his mind. Autobiographies are generally carefully written in old age when the circumstances of early youth have grown dim, and perhaps unconsciously colored by the struggles and experiences of after life.

(Signed) ROBERT M. DOUGLAS.

Greensboro, N. C., October 1, 1908.

Another manuscript which the Society has had the privilege of copying is the Journal of young Alexander Leslie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, for the years 1857 and 1858. As these years were spent in Chicago and Galena, Ill., and as Mr. Leslie was a keen observer and spirited writer this journal which when copied filled over fifty typewritten pages, has not a dull passage for the historian of this region. Beginning with the moment of leaving his home he describes the journey to London, and the meeting there with Mr. George Smith, Banker, of Chicago, who entertained him at various clubs and places of amusement. Continuing he tells of the fifteen days' passage on board the "Kangaroo" en route for New York, and his week's sight seeing in that city. Having purchased a "series of thro' tickets to Chicago with stop-over privileges" he proceeded in a leisurely fashion visiting points of interest along the way and writing each day in his diary lengthy descriptions of the manners and customs of the Americans, and comparisons of English and American railroad accommodations, much to the advantage of the latter. Mr. Leslie only stopped long enough at Chicago to change cars for Galena but soon returned here to enter the bank of Mr. George Smith. Here follows a catalogue of current events in political, social,

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religious, dramatic and business circles which is unsurpassed for detail as far as the present writer knows, by any other diarist. It is not known just how long Mr. Leslie remained in Chicago. He died in London in 1910. It is through the courtesy of MISS HELEN LESLIE CARTER, a niece of the writer, that the privilege of making this copy from the original diary was given.

A collection of documents and photographs of surpassing interest in connection with the opening of the Civil War, is the gift of MR. WILLIAM H. CHRISTIAN, now a resident of Stephenville, Texas, but a survivor of the celebrated Cairo Expedition, that left Chicago, April 21, 1861, under command of General R. K. Swift, this being Illinois' first response to President Lincoln's call for troops issued after the firing on Fort Sumter, just three days preceding. This collection consisting of forty-one documents and seven photographs among the former original telegrams from the Secretary of War, and from Governor Yates, muster rolls, equipment memoranda, official reports and correspondence, together with the donor's narrative of the expedition and Capt. D. F. Bremner's account of the "Highland Guard," constitute a new chapter in this undertaking of which Illinois is so justly proud. The gathering in Chicago of the surviving comrades to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Departure of the Cairo Expedition is responsible for the bringing of these papers to Chicago last April and the Historical Society is indebted to Mr. John Young, President of the Survivors for their transmittal to our archives.

No loyal Chicagoan can read William Christian's graphic account without a stirring of the martial spirit as he pictures the flower of Chicago's chivalry recruiting in the April twilight, the secret enlistment of the youthful sons of our first citizens, in the old Ellsworth Armory, Turner's Halls, Board of Trade Hall and other places of cherished memory. The fact of this almost instantaneous mobilization is emphasized by the following quotation:

The nearest approach to a real soldier in Chicago, at this time, was the Ellsworth Zouaves, who under the command of the gallant Col. Ellsworth had only recently returned from a tour of the Eastern and Southern states, where they wrested the laurels of victory from all contesting military companies....It was probably owing to the fact, that two of the companies organized were officered by members of this command, who were splendid drill masters, *and* also to the fact that many had participated in the Wide

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Awake companies that marched in the presidential campaign which elected Lincoln.

Every school boy in Chicago ought to be familiar with this story and thus be prepared as opportunity may offer to fitly perpetuate the memory of the participants in the Cairo Expedition, and because these names were music in the ears of the grandfathers of these boys let us record once more the list of first officers of the six companies which constituted it:

Captain James Smith, Chicago Light Artillery.
Captain James R. Hayden, Chicago Zouaves, Co. A.
Captain John H. Clybourne, Chicago Zouaves, Co. B.
Captain Frederick Harding, Chicago Light Infantry.
Captain Gustav Kowald, Turner Union Cadets.
Lincoln Rifles, Captain Geza Mihalotzy.

A group of documents reminiscent of the Chicago Fire is the gift of COL. F. A. EASTMAN. They are as follows, three National Bank notes charred beyond possibility of redemption; a document headed, "An Act for the relief of Francis A. Eastman, postmaster at Chicago, authorizing the officers of the Post Office Department to settle accounts of Mr. Eastman, and to credit him with so much of the amount of postal receipts, including money received for postage stamps and stamped envelopes sold up to the eighth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, as was on hand and destroyed by fire in the safe of the government in said post office the ninth day of October....approved, March 12, 1872." Accompanying the above is a letter from the Auditor the Treasury transmitting a statement of the account exhibiting a balance in his favor of \$104. The letter is dated Dec. 19, 1872.

A manuscript entitled "A Description of the Inexpressible," by Julian Hawthorne, this being a remarkably vivid word picture of Chicago's great achievement—the Columbian Exposition. The gift of Mr. JAMES FRANKEL.

From Mrs. LYNDEN EVANS the contract between Augustus St. Gaudens and the Trustees under the will of Eli Bates for the Lincoln Statue in Lincoln Park, together with the correspondence thereabout, and also concerning the Bates Foundation, including autograph letters of St. Gaudens and others. These papers constitute a valuable chapter in

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the history of Lincoln Park and exemplify in an interesting manner the relations of a public benefactor, a public service body and the artist.

From Mr. James McNally, a valuable series of wall maps of Chicago and Cook County.

Among Dr. Schmidt's gifts should be mentioned the following: Kendall's monumental work on "The War Between the United States and Mexico"; an autograph letter of ten pages written by Morton Stephan, founder of the sect of Stephanists and the leader of a band of German Emigrants who settled in Illinois between 1777 and 1846, dated Kaskaskia, Ill., 15 October 1841; also, twelve copies of *Relf's Philadelphia Gazette*, 1803. One of these papers contains a letter from Michilimackinac, dated Nov. 19, 1803, which gives an account of the building of "a fort at the bottom of Lake Michigan, at a place called Chicago," and mentions the opposition met with from the neighboring Indians.

MANUSCRIPTS

Account book of J. S. Burgess of the Chicago Journal, Oct. 1, 1847, to March 1, 1851. The gift of MR. C. F. LIEBECK.

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Jean Girault served under George Rogers Clark in Illinois.

Land patent granted John Holbrook for 80 acres in Cook County, Illinois, dated, 20 May, 1841, and signed by John Tyler, President. The gift of MR. CHARLES H. CONOVER.

MANUSCRIPTS

Letter from Melville W. Fuller to Hon. Thomas Dent, dated Chicago, Jan. 28, 1886, appointing him a member of the Committee of the Cook County Bar to attend the funeral of Hon. David Davis; also, Letter from Hon. Lambert Tree to Judge Dent, dated Brussels, May 31, 1886, relative to the case of *Dexter vs. Tree, et al.* The gift of JUDGE DENT.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE,
Librarian.

On Motion of MR. MULLIGAN, seconded by MR. F. M. SCHMIDT, the Librarian's Report was accepted, approved and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Nominations now returned, and its Chairman, BISHOP CHENEY, presented its report as follows:

Annual Meeting—(Continued)

November 21, 1911.

Mr. President:

The Nominating Committee begs leave to recommend the following names for election:

For President, THOMAS DENT, to succeed himself.

For First Vice-President, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, to succeed himself.

For Second Vice-President, CHARLES H. CONOVER, to succeed himself.

For Members of the Executive Committee:

MR. CLARENCE A. BURLEY, for the term ending November, 1915.

MR. CHARLES F. GUNTHER, for the term ending November, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY,
CHARLES HENRY MULLIKEN,
JULIAN MASON.

On motion of MR. FRANKEL, seconded by MR. R. E. SCHMIDT, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the persons named for the several offices. The Secretary did as instructed and THE PRESIDENT declared the nominees duly elected.

As there was no deferred business, THE PRESIDENT requested the Acting Secretary to read the proposed Amendments to the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Chicago Historical Society, which had been sent to the members in the printed notice of the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

That Section 1 of Article II. of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Honorary Life, Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot of the Executive Committee, unless by unanimous consent they shall be elected by a *viva-voce* vote cast at a regular meeting by twelve

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legally qualified voters. Two adverse ballots of the Executive Committee shall reject a candidate.

That a new section be added to Article II. of the Constitution to be numbered 4, as follows:

SECTION 4. Before any person be elected a member by the Executive Committee such person shall be proposed by two members of the Society, and the name of such proposed member and the proposers shall have been posted for at least two weeks.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE CHICAGO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

That the By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 4 of Article I. of the By-Laws.

DR. SCHMIDT moved that this proposed alteration and amendment to Section 1 of Article II. and the proposed addition of a new section to Article II., known as Section 4, be adopted. The motion, seconded by MR. FRANKEL, was unanimously adopted.

DR. SCHMIDT, seconded by MR. GUNTHER, then moved that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws namely, to strike out Section 4 of Article I. of the By-Laws, be adopted. It was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, on motion, the Society adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. SCHMIDT, *Acting Secretary.*

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